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Viet Nam Battle In French Chamber

Ramadier Sees End Of France And The Republic

PARIS, March 20, (U.P.A.): Premier Paul Ramadier today demanded a National Assembly confidence vote for his Coalition Cabinet and warned that the downfall of the Government might mean the end of France and the French Republic.

DANGER TO REPUBLIC

In a grave and dramatic speech before the Assembly, the Socialist Premier renewed his appeal to the Communists not to abstain from voting and clearly indicated that if they did so they would overthrow the Government.

Ramadier was given a frantic, standing ovation by the entire Assembly except the Communists who sat stolidly on their benches.

The confidence vote, which will be on military credits as a whole but particularly on credits for fighting the Indo-China war, will be taken Saturday morning.

Earlier, Communist Party Secretary Jacques Duclos announced to the Assembly that the Communists would not vote on credits for Indo-China.

RAMADIER'S CALL

Turning squarely towards the Communist benches, Ramadier said: "I say, looking you in the eyes, that real courage lies in never lying to yourself and never pretending about a problem. You know well that if you abstain for whatever reasons of Parliamentary tactics, your abstention may lead us very far indeed and perhaps mean the end of the Republic and the end of France. If you abstain you will lead France's politics back to the antagonism of Communism and anti-Communism which we have all succeeded in avoiding so far.

"It is necessary for you to say if you want to break the union of all parties in the work of our national salvation. For our part, we wish to remain true to the work we have undertaken but we cannot continue it except in frankness and clarity and that is why I put the question of confidence."

COMMUNIST RETORT

Duclos, in a bitter reply, said that the Communists already had gone to the limit of concessions in obtaining from the first Indo-China vote yesterday and added: "We will make another concession by doing this again, but beyond that we cannot go. Communism, which many wanted to kill in 1939, is more alive than ever today. I say to the Assembly: 'Beware you do not isolate yourselves from the people who cannot reply to the Premier's pathetic appeal. But France and the Republic are not in Peril because of this. If need be, the popular masses will know how to secure victory'."

Former Premier Paul Reynaud retorted: "Monsiuer Duclos you target. With or without the Communists the Republic will go on."

ARREST OF VIET NAM REPRESENTATIVE

French police today arrested the leader of the unofficial Viet Nam delegation in Paris, Dhuong Bacn Mai, for "political reasons."

Dhuong was seized in his hotel room just as he was getting out of bed and was taken to the detention pen at the Palace of Justice.

A spokesman for the Viet Nam delegation said that Dhuong was arrested "not for any crime but because of politics."

Speakers before the National Assembly called for his arrest early this week when his presence in the visitors gallery caused a riot among the legislators during a heated debate on Indo-China.

DHUONG BACH MAI

"Reuter" adds:

Claiming to be Dhuong Bach Mai, Deputy Leader of the Viet Nam (Indo-China autonomy movement) delegation to Paris—reported to have fled from France following demands for his arrest—an Indo-Chinese told Reuters in his Paris hotel room yesterday evening: "Yes, I am the notorious monster Bach Mai. No, I have not fled from Paris, nor do I intend to flee. Why should I hide?"

The man claiming to be Bach Mai received Reuters in the headquarters of the Viet Nam Delegation with a huge Viet Nam Flag—blood red with a yellow star in the centre—draped against the wall behind him.

Asked to prove who he was, he smiled and said: "What proof can I give you? Papers could be forged.

"Why should I run?" he went on. "That would confirm their monstrous charges. I have been in prison before. The Japanese prison. I am not afraid. They know where to find me."

THEIR FIGHT

The Viet Nam Delegation had had no official word from Ho Chi Minh, President of the Viet Nam Republic, since the outbreak of hostilities between the Viet Nam and the French on December 19 he declared. "We are the whole people fighting for three things—food, clothing and the right to rule ourselves.

"If we had peace, we would welcome Henry Ford's capital or that of any other Ford or investor who would help to develop our country. We are too poor to be Communists. Our 'communism' will go no further than nationalisation of rail-roads and forests."

Dr. Ho Chi Minh himself was a Communist, but he had "become the national symbol of the fight for freedom to which all parties in Annam gave allegiance", the man claiming to be Bach Mai declared.

"Silent Treatment" For Bevin & Marshall

MOSCOW, March 20 (APA): Attendants and observers at the Council of Foreign Ministers advanced the theory to-day that perhaps the Kremlin was giving Mr. Bevin and Gen. Marshall "the silent treatment."

Neither has seen M. Stalin during the present visit, and as far as could be determined from sources close to the British and American secretaries, there has been no gesture or hint at a meeting from either side.

Mr. Bevin has now been in Moscow 12 days and Gen. Marshall 11.

ZONAL AUTONOMY FOR PUNJAB

LAHORE, March 20 (A.P.I.): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vice-President of the Interim Government has suggested a regional administrative plan for the Punjab which envisages provincial unity with zonal autonomy, says the New Delhi correspondent of the Civil and Military Gazette.

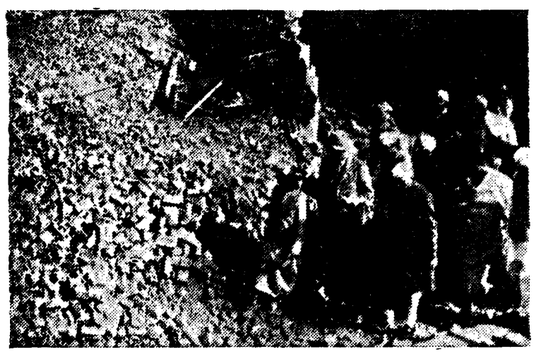
The plan, it is expected, will shortly be discussed with the Muslim League Leaders and if they agree an all-party Government in the Punjab is foreshadowed to replace the Governor's rule, as the plan is reported to have received support from the minorities as well as the Governor of the Punjab.

Under this plan Ambala and Jullundur divisions will be grouped into an eastern zone and placed in charge of three Ministers—one Hindu, one Sikh and one Muslim. The western zone, consisting of Multan and Rawalpindi divisions, will be governed by two Muslim and one Sikh Ministers. The Lahore division will be a joint zone under one Muslim and one Hindu Minister. The ratio indicated provides a rough idea of a Cabinet of ministers balanced between the majority and the minorities, and is amenable to alteration and adjustment.

Except for matters concerning finance and irrigation, Ministers in each zone shall enjoy complete autonomy.

While the plan guarantees full protection to minorities, it also envisages a Muslim Premier and limits the Cabinet's power to finance and irrigation affairs.

The plan will endeavour to maintain the unity of the Punjab, but, if need be, will provide a basis for partition, each part having its own Cabinet responsible to the legislature and the Governor without affecting the set-up of the present Legislative Assembly's structure."



Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Dewan Chamanlal, Sardar Swaran Singh and others walking through rubble in the riot-affected areas of Amritsar

Lord Mountbatten Leaves For India

LONDON, March 20, (Reuter): Viscount Mountbatten, Viceroy-Designate of India, with Lady Mountbatten and their daughter, Pamela, left the Northolt Airport by air today for India.

Viscount Mountbatten said he was leaving with an "open mind", according to the United Press of America.

AT THE AIR PORT

In the party also were Captain Arthur Robert V. Brockman, (Royal Navy) Personal Secretary to Lord Mountbatten, and Lieut.-Commander P. N. Howes, Naval A.D.C., and three members of personal staff.

Viscount Mountbatten, who looked very fit, wore a dark brown suit and a navy fawn coloured overcoat, and Lady Mountbatten was in a brown tweed costume with fur. They arrived at the airport in one of the Royal cars and were accompanied by Lieut. Philip Mountbatten, formerly Prince Philip of Greece, whose naturalisation as a British subject was announced only a few days ago.

Amongst others present at the airport were Lord and Lady Mountbatten's elder daughter, Patricia, now Lady Brabourne, who was accompanied by Lord Brabourne.

Lord Chorley, one of the Lords in waiting, was there on behalf of the King, and Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, who was unable to attend owing to Cabinet meeting, was represented by Mr. Arthur Henderson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for India.

Before they left, Lord and Lady Mountbatten visited the mobile briefing office on the airport where they were told the weather prospects for the trip.

After family farewells had been made, Lord and Lady Mountbatten went round a large number of personal servants who had come to see them off and said goodbye to each one.

Their daughter, Pamela, had on lead a small terrier which is Lady Mountbatten's pet dog. It accompanied them on the journey.

The plane, a York of the Royal Air Force Transport Command, will spend the night at Malta and the party will arrive at New Delhi on Saturday.

Hitherto it had been a custom for incoming and outgoing Viceroys not to meet, and when the Viceroy-Designate arrived in the country, the predecessor was on his way home. On this occasion it has been arranged for Lord Mountbatten to meet the outgoing Viceroy at New Delhi on Saturday evening.

Lord Wavell, the retiring Viceroy, will leave New Delhi on Sunday, and on Monday the new Viceroy will take the Oath of Office.

Lord Mountbatten is expected to meet the press soon after taking office.

MOUNTBATTEN MEETS INDIAN PRESS

LONDON, March 20 (U.P.I.): Lord Louis Mountbatten, Viceroy-designate of India, met representatives of the Indian press yesterday in the India House for over an hour and talked with them freely and frankly answering their questions.

This off-the-record interview was arranged solely for the Indian Press representatives and efforts made by the Reuter's correspondent to gate-crash was therefore resented and the Reuter's man finally withdrew under protest. The Indian journalists including Englishmen working for the Indian papers felt that Reuter's being a British concern would not be acceptable as a member of the Indian Journalists' Association and therefore could have no claim to enter into the function arranged for the Indian press only.

It was also pointed out as argument that the Indian press does not have any colour bar; Englishmen employed by the Indian papers enjoy equal membership rights with the Indian members whereas the Indians employed by non-Indian concerns are debarred from those Associations' privileges.

FRENCH ULTIMATUM TO FOREIGN MINISTERS

MOSCOW, March 20 (APA).—France tonight presented a virtual "take it or leave it" ultimatum to the Council of Foreign Ministers with Foreign Minister M. Georges Bidault's notification to the Council that France could not agree to economic reconstruction of Germany unless other powers agreed to her demands for guarantees of German coal.

Answering British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin's rejection last night of his request for coal guarantees, Bidault said:

"I am directed by my Government to state that we cannot be a party to any agreement on other problems raised—economic unity, level of industry, reparations—without previous settlement of the scheme for export of coal in a sense which is in conformity with our request."

What France wants, M. Bidault said, is a "flexible formula" for coal exports which would be adaptable to the rate of production and which would take into account the requirements of the German economy."

The adamant French stand created what appears to be the worst split yet developed here among the western powers, unless Britain and France can find a way to negotiate a compromise. The Russians are backing French coal demands.

M. Bidault urged Mr. Bevin to reconsider British objections to instituting the "flexible formula" now and also writing it into the German peace treaty.

The Committee adjourned until tomorrow when the Chairman asked Mr. Acheson to bring with him the Secretaries of War and Navy and the Under Secretary of State, Mr. William Clayton.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has decided to begin hearings on the proposals for United States aid to Greece and Turkey on Monday, the Chairman, Mr. Arthur Vandenberg announced.

A. I. States Peoples' Conference On April 18

NEW DELHI, March 19 (API) It has now been finally decided to hold the annual session of the All India States Peoples Conference on April 18, 19 and 20.

Move To Save Free Countries

Time For Action Against Spread Of Totalitarianism Has Come

NEW YORK, March 20, (Reuter): In a major United States Government pronouncement today, Judge Lewis Schwellenbach, United States Secretary of Labour, declared that the time had come "when we must implement negotiations with action to prevent the extension of totalitarianism to free countries".

In his speech delivered to the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco, copies of which were distributed by the State Department, he said that the United States efforts to negotiate with the major powers a settlement of the difficulties in maintaining the freedom and independence of countries in Central and Southern Europe and the Middle East had "largely proved ineffective"

"We must take action designed to strengthen Greece and Turkey to a point where they will not be open to intimidation and coercion of the kind practised on their neighbours", he said. "We fervently hope, however, that successful negotiations on these subjects may take place in future and we believe that the Presidesnt's policy will lay the basis for greater success in such negotiations".

The Associated Press of America adds:—

Replying to what he said were public misgivings over the proposed United States aid to Greece and Turkey, Lewis, B. Schwellenbach, said that the U. S. Government was studying means by which the United Nations might eventually assume responsibilities in these two countries and in other countries which found themselves in need of similar aid.

He also declared that any direct American assistance proposed by President Truman would not prejudice any action which might be taken by the Security Council or other agencies.

Schwellenbach sad that "the President was not challenging any foreign country". He said that "the extension of American technical advice does not mean that the United States intends to take over Greece and Turkey, as some foreign critics insist. U. S. simply want them to help themselves".

NEW YORK, March 20, (A. P. A.): The United Nations announced yesterday that the Security Council debate on trusteeship over the Japanese mandated islands, due to be held at 20-00 GMT tomorrow, has been postponed indefinitely at the request of the United States.

AMERICA NOT STEPPING IN ANYBODY'S SHOES

WASHINGTON, March 20 (Reuter).—Mr. Dean Acheson, Acting Secretary of State, opened the Administration's case before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee today for passage of legislation to enable President Truman to carry out his programme of sending money, arms and civilian and military personnel to Greece and Turkey.

The purpose for which Greece had asked for assistance, said Mr. Acheson, were: First, imports of food, clothing and fuel; Second, organisation and equipment of Greece's army to restore order; and Third, reconstruction.

Greece also requested personnel to assure effective use of the aid to help Greece "to begin reconstruction of her own economy and public administration."

"Unless hope is forthcoming, Greece's economy will quickly collapse, very possibly carrying away with it the authority of the Government and its power to maintain order and essential services," said Mr. Acheson.

ECONOMICS AND MORALE

Mr. Acheson continued: "At the end of this month, outside assistance to Greece is scheduled to stop. UNRRA is going out of business in Greece and British assistance is to be discontinued. Essential imports for civilians and for army can continue for only a few weeks. Two weeks ago, the dollar resources available to Greece were only 17,000,000—enough for one month's imports of food and other essentials from the United States and other countries. If imports should cease, the price of such goods as are available would very rapidly reach astronomical figures. Its result in countries so dependent on imports would be a paralysis of Government and of economic life. It would also very probably mean the end of Greek freedom and independence."

Mr. Acheson continued: "Both from the point of view of economics and morale, the effects upon countries to the East would be enormous, especially if failure in Greece and Turkey should come about as a result of the failure of this great democracy to come to their aid.

THREAT OF TOTALITARIANISM

"On the other hand, I ask you to consider the effects on their morale and their internal development should Greece and Turkey, receive a helping hand from the United States, a country with which they closely associate the principles of freedom. It is not too much to say that the outcome in Greece and Turkey will be

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GOVERNMENT DEFEAT IN LORDS

LONDON, March 20 (UPA): The House of Lords approved the motion for a censure vote on the Government by a vote of 119 to 30.

EFFORTS TO MEET FRENCH CRISIS

PARIS, March 20 (UPA): President Vincent Auriol conferred with party chiefs to-day in an effort to find a compromise solution to the political crisis which threatens to wreck the two month old Coalition Government in a trial of strength between the Communists and other parties.

MARSHALL'S ASSURANCE TO PERSIAN AMBASSADOR

LONDON, March 20 (Reuter): Mr. George C. Marshall, United States Secretary of State, promised the Persian Ambassador to Russia during a meeting at the United States Embassy in Moscow that he would support Persia's claims by all means in his power, Teheran Radio said to-day.

MOUNTBATTENS AT MALTA

VALETTA, March 20 (Reuter): Lord and Lady Mountbatten on their way to India arrived at Malta this evening. They are to be guests at the Admiralty House.

Further Improvement In Punjab Situation

Public Safety Act Receives Governor-General's Assent

LAHORE, March 20, (A.P.I.): Further improvement in the general situation in the province is reported today. Everything is reported to be quiet in all districts, in the Multan, Jullundur and Ambala divisions, says an official announcement this evening.

Rawalpindi continues quiet but tension still exists in Gujarkahan Tehsil. Acute tension is reported in the Fatehjung Tehsil of Campbellpur district, the announcement continues.

All wa squiet in Amritsar yesterday and to-day. Lahore also continues quiet.

TRUNK TELEPHONE RESTORED

LAHORE, March 20 (API): Private telephone trunk calls to and from Lahore have been restored with effect from to-day, it is officially announced this evening.

At Jullundur, unessential telephone connections disconnected during the recent disturbances, have not yet been restored, and private trunk calls to and from Jullundur continue to be suspended.

The following branch offices in the Rawalpindi division are also reported to have been burnt: 1. Qazian, 2. Changa Bengial, 3. Dhang Deo, 4. Gungrila, 5. Safral, 6. Jand Meiu and 7. Doberan.

The Lehri branch office in Rawalpindi district has been looted. The Usman Khattar post office in Rawalpindi district has been re-opened.

The Taxila sub post-office, which was burnt recently, has been re-opened in the sub record office at Taxila.

TOTAL CASUALTIES

LAHORE, March 20 (API): Two thousand and forty-nine persons were killed and 1,103 seriously injured in the communal disturbances in the Punjab so far, it is learnt authoritatively.

LAHORE, March 20 (API): The Punjab Public Safety Act 1947, which has received the assent of the Governor-General and has been published, replaces the Punjab Public Safety Ordinance 1946, says a press communique issued from Government House, Lahore to-night.

The following additions have been made in the Act (1) section 6 (1) (b) which empowers the Punjab Government to require newspapers to publish any matter it thinks fit, and to exhibit such matter as may be directed, and (2) section 33 and 34 which provide for the imposition of collective fines, and for the assessment and payment of compensation for injury or damage caused during disturbances.

BAN ON BHOPATKAR LIFTED

LAHORE, March 20 (API): The Punjab Government have removed the ban on the entry of Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar and Mr. Asutosh Lahiri, President and General Secretary respectively of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha into the province.

The 'Associated Press of India' learns that the removal of the ban is due to the improvement in the situation in the Punjab during the last 48 hours.

LEAGUE DIRECTIVE FOR "PAKISTAN DAY"

The Punjab Muslim League Committee of Action has directed the Muslims of the Punjab to observe quietly the "Pakistan Day" on March 23 without holding the usual meetings or taking out processions.

In view of the disturbed conditions in certain parts of the province, the Committee enjoins that the Muslims should confine their activities only to the reading out of the Pakistan

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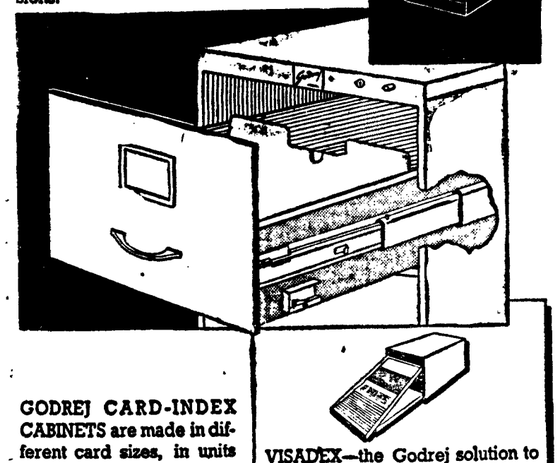

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CRUELTY TO HACK VICTORIA HORSES

S. P. C. A. Plea For Imposing Heavier Sentences On Defaulters

The Secretary of the Bombay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals writes:

At a general meeting, the Hack Victoriawalla Association passed a resolution protesting against the heavy fines levied on them for cruelty, and at the same time set out several very ingenious arguments as to why such cruelty should be permitted to flourish without interference from the S. P. C. A.

To put it briefly they suggest that:

(a) Starving horses should be permitted to be driven until they drop, as owing to the stringent rationing of fodder, owners are unable to feed them sufficiently;

(b) Taking the bad condition of the roads into consideration, lame horses should not be arrested by the S.P.C.A.;

(c) Since oil for keeping harness soft and pliable is not easy to obtain, harness galls and sores should be ignored;

(d) Maximum fines for cruelty should not exceed Rs. 3;

(e) Horses should not be sent to the Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hospital for Animals but to their own private hospital, as the animals sent there, instead of getting better, get worse.

Such arrant nonsense should be treated with the contempt it deserves, but we take this opportunity to draw the attention of the Government and the public to the diabolic extent to which cruelty is daily perpetrated by Hack Victoria owners and drivers.

S.P.C.A.'S DAY AND NIGHT VIGIL

It is not an uncommon sight to see horses drop dead between the shafts from sheer starvation and exhaustion, or to see mere skeletons being fiendishly whipped throughout the length and breadth of the City. The Hack Victoria owners used to find it profitable to harness their worst and lamest horses at night in order to escape the attention of the S.P.C.A.

Now, since the Society's men are posted on night duty as well, this benevolent body of men is up against one of its knottiest problems of how to extract the last penny from dead and dying animals.

All animals prosecuted by the S. P. C. A. are sent to the Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hospital for Animals by order of the Magistrates, and they are permitted to leave the Hospital when, in the opinion of a Magistrate (who is a Government Veterinary Officer as well), the said animals are fit and well.

In view of this, we would like the Hack Victoriawalla Association to explain how they draw the conclusion that the animals at the Hospital get worse instead of better. We also venture to suggest that the "Private Hospital" they refer to can exist only between the shafts of a gharry at night, and under the whip of the brute on the coach box.

To cope with brutality coupled with an utter lack of conscience and practised on so diabolic a scale, is no easy task.

APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC

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JINNAH'S PLEA TO MUSLIM YOUTH

"Develop Healthy Mind In Healthy Body"

The importance of physical training in the building up of a nation was stressed by Mr. M. A. Jinnah, while addressing a large gathering at the annual athletic sports of the All India Muslim League National Guards, held at the Cooperage this evening. Mr. Hasan A. Sheikh, President of the Bombay League, presided.

Giving away the prizes to the winners, Mr. Jinnah observed that development of the body was as important as the development of the intellect. He exhorted the Muslim youth to build up a healthy mind in a healthy body before they went out into the world, so that they might not be lacking in the necessary stamina to fight the battle of life.

Mr. Jinnah, in conclusion, emphasized the desirability of such institutions as the National Guards which helped cultivation of a spirit of brotherhood and discipline.

Mr. Sheikh who welcomed Mr. Jinnah congratulated the prize-winners.

Several Muslim girls also took part in the sports.

CHHOI SILK MILL CO., LTD.

The 51st annual general meeting of Messrs. the Chhoi Silk Mill Co., Ltd., was held on Tuesday (March 18), at Bombay Mutual Building, Sir P. M. Road, Fort, Bombay, when Mr. Manecksha N. Pochkhanawala (Chairman of the Co.) presided.

The report and accounts were adopted. A dividend at the rate of Rs. 60 per share and Rs. 10 per share additional as Golden Jubilee Bonus, free of income-tax, were declared. The retiring Directors, Messrs. Ardeshir D. Baria and Dara H. Kooka, were re-elected. Mr. Framroze S. Augra and M/s. Mehta Dhanbhoora & Co., were re-appointed joint-auditors for the current year.

Plea For More Air Ports

Bombay Corporation's Letter To Govt. Of India

The Municipal Corporation on Thursday passed a resolution moved by Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel addressing Government of India, requesting them the desirability of reserving Juhu aerodrome for the purpose for which it was built and of creating additional air ports, wherever possible, in the city and the Greater Bombay areas.

Mr. Dahyabhai Patel said there was a rumour that Juhu aerodrome was to be used for building purposes, which he said should not be done. On the other hand, he said, more aerodromes were necessary since aviation had come to play a great part in the life of the city and it was also necessary to give adequate ground to the learners.

Mr. B. A. Dalal seconded the resolution and it was carried.

PUBLIC TELEPHONES

The House also passed a resolution moved by Mr. Salebhoy A. Kadar to request the Bombay Telephone Company to restore public telephones as, in the absence of these amenities, great inconvenience was being caused to the public.

B. E. S. T. DISPUTE BEFORE INDUSTRIAL COURT

The dispute between the B.E.S.T. Company and its employees, arising out of the workers' demand for revision of pay scales, share in the amount of goodwill and leave, in respect of which the employees served a notice of strike on March 6, has been referred to the Industrial Court for adjudication.

PRELIMINARY HEARING IN BOMBAY LIFE DISPUTE

BOMBAY, Thursday.

After a preliminary hearing in the dispute between the Bombay Life Assurance Company Limited and its employees, which is referred to the Industrial Court for adjudication, the Court asked to-day the parties concerned to file their statements on March 27.

RECRUITMENT FOR DEFENCE SERVICES

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The ways and methods of recruitment for regular commissions of the Defence Services of India were explained at length to a batch of City Journalists by Brigadier Nathu Singh, Director of Selection of Personnel, India, at a tea party given by Major B. L. Kapur, Director of Public Relations, Southern Command, at Taj this evening.

Brigadier Nathu said that there was no political bias in the selection, and deserving men stood every chance of being taken up irrespective of caste, creed or colour.

The Brigadier recommended the introduction of conscription of all the educated youths of the country as the best solution of improving not only the defence services but also the youth of the country.

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SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY'S RACES

Miss Irene, Paramount Power And Paper King Compete With Excellent Chances

(By Our Racing Correspondent.)

The following are my selections for to-day's races:—

1st Race: 1 Lakha Rani, 2 First Port, 3 Senapati.

2nd Race: 1 Manipulator, 2 Star of Manad, 3 Crescendo.

3rd Race: 1 Miss Irene, 2 Mannawi, 3 Golden Quest.

4th Race: 1 Mussorie, 2 Khalif, 3 Here's Luck.

5th Race: 1 Rose Point, 2 Panna, 3 Ambush.

6th Race: Ginger Lady, 2 Ruby, 3 Mashie.

7th Race: 1 Paper King, 2 Imperator, 3 Malayan.

8th Race: 1 Paramount Power, 2 Philita if ab, Golden Future, 3 Usha

9th Race: 1 Super Charge, 2 Meghapushpa, 3 Happy Returns.

Dark Flukes: Talisman and Saita.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Welfare Work At Matunga Labour Camp

The annual report of the Labour Sub-Committee of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council, set up in March, 1946, throws light on the appalling conditions in Matunga Labour Camp, and suggests greater scope for social work in the various slum areas of the City.

To begin with, the Committee set itself to improving the conditions in Matunga Labour Camp. Here 15,000 people live huddled in squalid, semi-pucca chawls, or in tumble-down huts, made of matting, old tarpaulins, gunny bags, etc.

In the course of the year, they found amidst them a dispensary, a sewing class, a small library, a co-operative credit society — amenities which did not exist before. This was due to the work of the Labour Sub-Committee, assisted and aided by philanthropic bodies like the Red Cross, Harijan Sewak Sangh, the Humanitarian League and other bodies. The Bombay Municipality's help is also recognised.

More work could have been done in the Camp, if funds were adequate. In order to raise funds and further its work, the Labour Sub-Committee is organising a choral and orchestral concert, kindly given by the Bombay Choral & Philharmonic Society, on Monday the 24th March, at 6.30 p.m. at the Cawasji Jehangir Hall.

KASHMIR BAN ON TWO BOMBAY WEEKLIES

JAMMU, March 20, (API): The Kashmir Government has banned the entry into the State two Weeklies 'IBlitz" and "The People's Age", both published from Bombay.

TODAY, TOMORROW and on SUNDAY, 23rd
Morning at 9-30 a. m.
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Royal Opera House
Rates As Usual
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CITY & SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Falgun Vad 14, 2003.
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Akher 27, 1366.
Parsi: Meher 19, 1316.
Sunrise: 6-43 a.m. Sunset: 6-50 p.m.
Hightide: 11-26, 23-54.
Lowtide: 05-39, 17-22.

To-day's Engagements

INDIAN MUSIC CIRCLE: Dance Recital by Rajalakshmi and Jayalakshmi and Party tonight at 9 p.m. (S. T.), sharp at Marvadi Vidyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Road, Tram Terminus.

GANDHARVA SANGEET MANDAL: Vocal Music by Mrs. Hirabai Barodekar, at Laxmi Baug, New Bhatwadi, today, at 9 a.m.

DADAR SARVAJANIK VACHANALAYA: Lecture by Jyotishratna Krishnaram Wajji Bhat and Krishnaji Vithal Soman, today, at 9 a.m., in Dhuru Hall, Dadar.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Public Meeting to celebrate the Anniversary of W. Q. Judge will be held today, at 6-15 p.m., at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

MUSLIM STUDENTS' UNION: At the 31st Annual General Meeting of the Muslim Students' Union, Bombay, held on Sunday last, the following office-bearers were elected.—President: Mr. Habib I. Rahimtulla. Vice-President: Mr. Noor.uhammed E. Merchant, Jt. Hon. Gen. Secretaries: Mr. Tajuddin A. Sayed and Mr. Abbas Jalali, Hon. Treasurer: Mr. R. I. Merchant.

ALL INDIA RADIO, (BOMBAY): At 8-30 p.m., today, instead of Gujarati talk as already announced the Viceroy's Broadcast will be relayed from Delhi.

"COMBINED OPERATIONS" OFF MADH ISLAND

H. E. Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay, Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister and several high ranking Service Officers witnessed the Combined Operations Exercises off Madh Island near Salsette from Monday to Wednesday.

In these demonstrations, lessons learnt from Normandy, Sicily, Arakan and Pacific in combined operations during the World War II were enacted. Among other things demonstrated were also a heavy pounding of a moderately defended coastline by units of the R.I.A.F., R.A.F. and by the supporting fire of H.M.S. "Jamaica" and H.M.I.S. "Cavery", men of the 2nd Gurkha Rifles and 2nd Royal Sikhs landed with full equipment on the beachhead; tanks, jeeps, armoured cars, bull-dozers and other ancillary equipment came pouring down the beach from the landing crafts which were in use during the late war in many theatres where combined operations were successful.

PIANOFORTE CONCERT

A pianoforte concert will be held at Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Tuesday (March 25) at 6 p.m. by the recipients of "Miss Bhikaiji Limjibhoy Palamkote Prizes", on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee in Music. Among the artistes taking part are: Mani Taraporewalla, Daulat J. Nanavatty, Themi K. Jungalwala, Khorshed Batliwalla, Gool Shiavax Dalal, Mehroo Kanga, Gool M. Dalal, Faruda J. Nariman, Roda Contractor, Roda J. Khodaji. Programme includes works by Bach, Beethoven, Brehms, Chopin, Liszt and others. Tickets priced from Rs. 7 to Re. 1/4 can be booked at Messrs. S. Rose and Co., Ltd.

ACWORTH LEPER HOME

The following donations to the Acworth Leper Home were received during the months of October, November and December, 1946:—

Mrs. Prioja M. Avari Rs. 50; Mrs. Piroja M. Avari Rs. 50; Mr. B. R. Mistry Rs. 7; Mr. S. D. Navalkar Rs. 5; Mr. Ratilal Fulchand (to be utilised for clothing for patients) Rs. 200; Mr. V. G. Bhatia Rs. 10; Mrs. Rukminibai N. Wandrekar Rs. 100; Prof. Fernandez (distributed among sick patients) Rs. 85-8; Mr. M. R. Patel Rs. 50; Collection from boxes during the months of October, November and December, 1946 Rs. 21-7. Total Rs. 578-15.

Newspapers:—The Hindu, The Lokmanya and The Kirlosker Magazine.

Sweets:—Through Mr. Kesarimal and Through Mr. Jethalal Sagarmal.

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TODAY ON RADIO

FRIDAY, March 21.

BOMBAY—1.

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. Song of Week (by D'Amel) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Azim Khan (Sitar) 8-45 Sheikh Ahmed Qawwal and Party 9-0 Petit Parsi Girls' Orphanage Party (Gujarati songs) 9-15 Saraswati Rane (Lalat) 11-0 Garbi Geeto 11-15 Buddhi Dhvansak Mandal (G) Rupak written and produced by Adi Marzban performed by Adi Marzban, P. M. Antia, Ratan Cooper Dossan Mistry, Jehangir Ankleasaria and Mrs. A. Marzban 11-45 Amritlal Navasariwala (Todi).

12-0 p.m. Programme of special interest to women (G) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Serene Doctor (Vocal) 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Music 4-20 P. B. Nippanikar (Pradeepki) 4-45 Serene Doctor (Vocal) 5-0 Azim Khan (Sitar) 5-15 Children's programme (H) 5-45 Topic of Day 5-55 Locals 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 K. L. Saigal (Ghazal) 6-30 Petit P. G. Orphanage Party (Gujarati songs) 6-45 G. N. Joshi (Vocal) 7-0 Radhabai Rao (Bhajan) 7-15 Azim Khan (Sitar) 7-30 P. B. Nippanikar (Kedar) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Kehavato Talk by J. H. Dave (G) 8-45 Recitation of poems from works of "Usman" (by B. R. Pagare) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 Industrial development and International Finance: Talk by Daniyal Latif 10-0 S. G. Nevrekar (Vocal) 10-15 Saraswati Rane (Shankara).

Weather News For Farmers

FORECAST TILL SATURDAY MORNING:—Dry weather mainly.

OUTLOOK FOR FURTHER 2 DAYS:—No large change.

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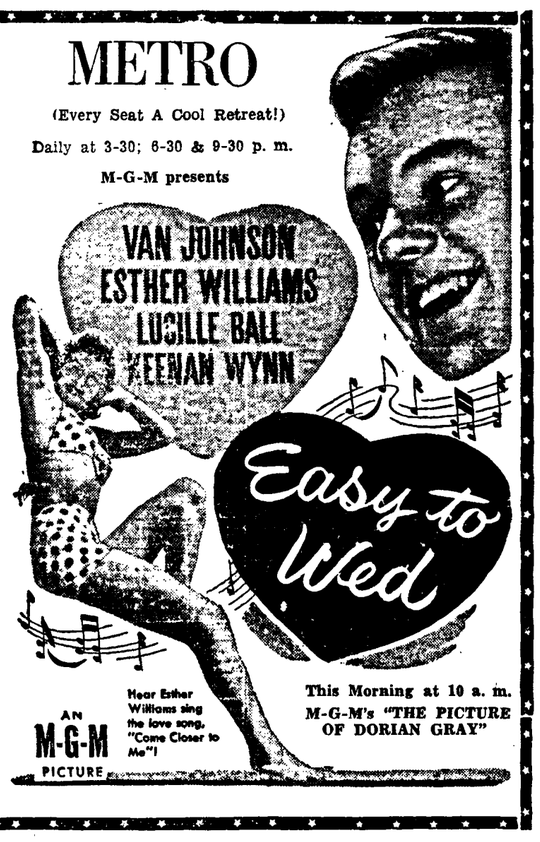

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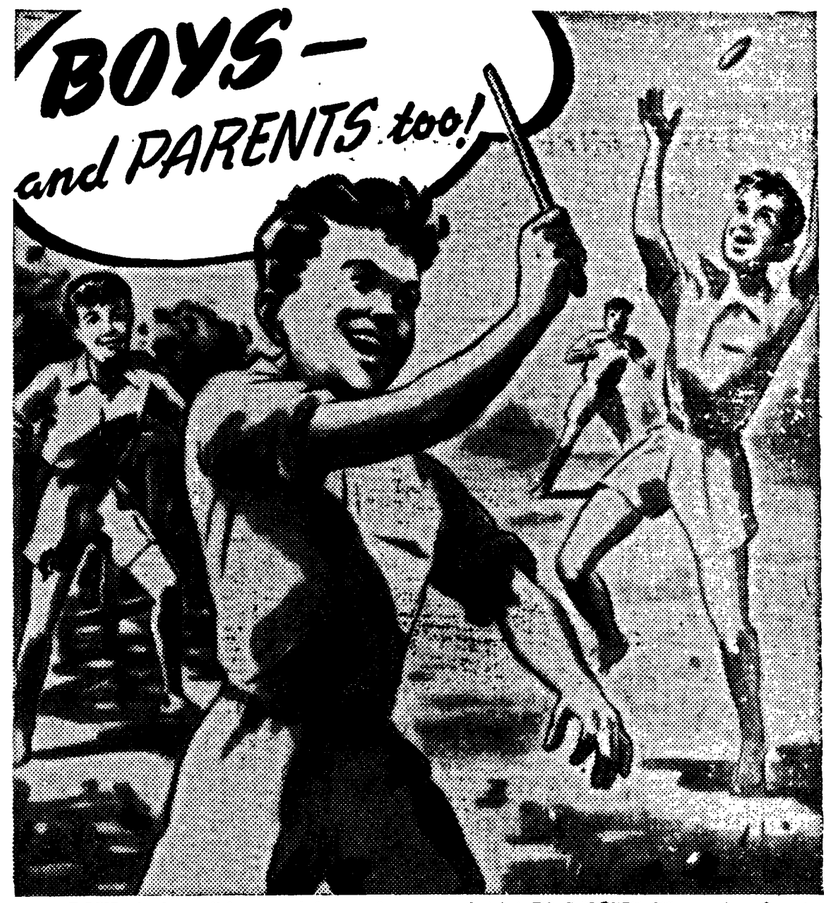

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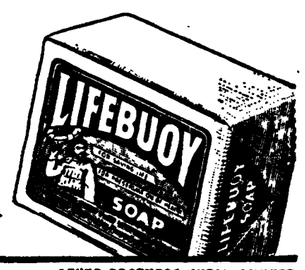

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, March 20, (A.P.I.): Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st November 1946 and departure from normal recorded at eight hours I.S.T. on March 20, 1947.

Ahmedabad 95 680 1.1 plus 0.8 Ahmednagar 94 63 0 10.4 plus 8.5 Allahabad 97 62 0 2.5 minus 0.1 Bangalore 89 71 0 8.7 plus 4.8 Baroda 96 65 0 1.1 nil Belgaum 91 65 0 7.0 plus 4.8 Bhopal 90 63 0 5.7 plus 4.0 Bhuj 95 66 0 0 minus 0.5 BOMBAY T5 73 0 7.1 plus 6.2 Calcutta 81 67 0.2 3.1 minus 0.3 Calicut 90 76 0 17.2 plus 9.8 Colombo 89 76 0 40.2 plus 12.8 Delhi 83 60 0 1.3 minus 1.4 Hyderabad (Dn.) 98 71 0 3.7 plus 1.2 Indore 89 58 0 3.4 plus 8.0 Karachi 81 71 0 0.1 minus 1.4 Kodaikanal 68 52 0 32.9 plus 12.1 Mahableshwar 80 64 0 11.7 plus 9.6 Mangalore 86 76 0 8.9 plus 4.3 Marmagao 84 74 0 9.3 plus 7.8 Ootacamund 72 45 0 18.2 plus 7.8 Pachmarhi 82 62 0 14.7 plus 11.8 Poona 92 60 0 6.5 plus 5.1 Rajkot 93 67 0 1.1 plus 0.6 Ratnagiri nil Sholapur 99 70 0 3.0 plus 0.7 Simla 57 43 0 8.0 minus 1.0 Srinagar 56 39 0 9.3 minus 0.4 Surat 93 70 0 7.5 plus 6.9.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Liberty without obedience is confusion; obedience without liberty is slavery.

—William Penn.

The Bombay Chronicle

INTER-ASIAN CONFERENCE

The forthcoming Asian Relations Conference in Delhi is an epoch-making event in world history. Asia is on the move, and her liberation is rapidly materialising, Unofficial and non-political as the Conference is, the historic chapter of recent events has given the line clear to the fundamental objectives and basic aspirations of the Asiatic peoples. Mr. Churchill, who had pompously declared that he had not become His Majesty's First Minister to liquidate the British Empire, had to swallow the bitter pill of the Attlee Cabinet setting a date-line to quit India. With the major partner in Imperialism quitting the scene, the Dutch and the French Imperialisms will have to wind up their show sooner than later, leaving the Far East to shape its destiny All Asiatic countries, including the Middle East, Far East, Japan, Korea, Outer Mongolia and Central Asian Republics of the Soviet Union have been invited to the Conference, and some of the delegations have already reached India. Though All-Asia meets for the first time in India, most of the invited countries have vital links and historic connections with our country. In Indian history, trade never followed the Flag. On the other hand, there was simultaneous flow of commerce and culture through the great overland route of Yarkhand, Kashgar and Tashkant, the highway of the Asokan Mission, when Buddhist culture spread far and wide beyond India. In old days, South-East Asia was neither a Command nor a Colony. It was called "Greater India" and even today the colossal temple at Borobodur, and fine arts like sculpture and dancing in Java and Bali proudly proclaim their Indian ancestry. The grand assembly which is to meet at Delhi is reminiscent of historic assemblage in Nalanda, Taxila and Patliputra of hallowed memory, where travellers and Savants from Asiatic countries participated and were honoured. In one sense, the Delhi Conference is a revival of historical contacts. In another sense, it marks a revolution in the destiny of Asia.

The fiery ordeal of freedom's fight against Imperialism has brought all Asiatic nations together, and the main task before the Conference is to devise measures to maintain the freedom intact and make Asia safe for democracy. It is not surprising, therefore, that national movements for freedom in Asia, the racial problem with special reference to racial conflicts figure at the top of the agenda. Though every Asiatic country fought its battle with Imperialism separately, a co-ordination of all national forces into a Peace Front is the only bulwark against future aggression. Racialism often sows the seeds of war and disturbs the internal peace of the country. Racial animosities have to be reconciled by mutual adjustments and constitutional safeguards for peaceful progress. With the dawn of India's freedom, communal conflicts threaten to flare up and destroy the chance of liberty. Both Germany and Japan raised the slogan of "living space" during the last war. The new order in the East should eliminate this cause for conflict by planned Inter-Asian emigration and by guaranteeing citizenship status and rights to immigrants. In view of the fact that British Dominions like Australia have closed their doors to the "Non-Whites", and in view of the shortage of labour, social services and technical personnel which all devastated countries in the East will experience in the transition from war to peace economy, an agreement among the delegates on emigration plans will prove an invaluable aid for restoration and re-settlement. India is specially interested in this problem, because she has a large number of nationals settled in Ceylon, Burma, Malaya and the Straits Settlements. It is a welcome sign that there will be a large number of women delegates, and hence the discussion on the status of women in Asiatic countries and the role of women's movements will open the way for new social outlooks based on equality and justice. Women and women's movements in India, as traditions of British criminal China, Indonesia and elsewhere have proved powerful auxiliaries in freedom fight. None can now dare to cheat them of their hard-won freedom and equality.

The transition from Colonial to National economy is a troublesome process, as it amounts to a new order in the making. As most of the Asiatic countries are predominantly agricultural, industrialisation is necessarily limited by the inadequacy of plant and machinery, capital, foreign exchange and technical assistance. Foreign aid is welcome, but it should not be allowed to develop into a menace of economic Imperialism. American, British and Dutch industrialists are ready to form combines with indigenous capitalists for joint exploitation on profit-sharing basis. But the projected economic commission for Asia under U. N. O. for the economic reconstruction of the devastated areas can be profitably utilised by the Inter-Asian Conference for the rehabilitation of production and trade. The conference will lay the foundations of Inter-Asian unity, a new rejuvenated Asia. May those foundations be well and truly laid.

Frankly Speaking

Communists And Viet Nam

A few weeks ago, M. Maurice Thorez, the French Communist leader and Vice-Premier made an important speech at Toulon in which, Reuter's now confirms, he made no mention of Indo-China, confining himself to internal problems and the Ruhr question. The occasion was important and to us the omission was disappointing. Later developments in the French National Assembly, have, however, removed certain misconceptions arising out of that omission. It is now clear that M. Maurice and his Party are at least tacitly in sympathy with Viet Nam aspirations and certainly not in favour of the Government's present policy. The position in which M. Thorez and his communist colleagues in the Government find themselves is embarrassingly anomalous. But the happenings of the last few days, which emphasise the contrast, throw the position of the Socialist Party into more vivid relief. And it is not a pretty picture.

A Painful Spectacle

By reason of obligation to fundamental principles, men professing socialism should be on the side of people fighting for liberation from Imperialist domination. The attitude of M. Ramadier and his colleague, M. Moutet, the Minister for Colonies, and the proceedings in the National Assembly show that the Socialists have sided with, and are, in fact, leading, French Imperialism and reaction. And they have also taken over the classic Imperialist technique to deal with the Viet Nam, for instance, seeking a "solution" by force of infinitely superior military arms and arbitrarily ruling that the Viet Nam leaders do not represent the people. Yet Socialists have always exposed and condemned this technique themselves. The spectacle of M. Ramadier and his party trying to cling to French Imperial possessions with the same energy and zeal as the Rightists is painful to every admirer of democratic and socialist France.

Future Indo-British Relations

Sir John Colville had good reason to remark in addressing the Bombay Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday: "No small part of the progress which this great continent can achieve in the future is bound up with the degree of opportunity for mutual benefit which British trade and expert help is afforded; nor do I feel that such opportunity will be accompanied by less goodwill because political control is removed; rather in my judgment will it be the reverse." India has always been generous towards foreign countries trading with her. Indeed, her generosity itself tempted Britain, to use it in acquiring political control over her and then to use that control to push British business in India at the expense of Indian industries. However, things are now fast improving, though at an unconscionably long period. Since the British Government announced its definite "quit India" decision, most Indian politicians have shed their suspicions about Britain and look forward to lasting friendly relations with her if the announced transfer of power is made in a 'bona fide' manner which will preserve the best achievements in Britain's long rule and otherwise promote India's best interests. There is naturally considerable scope for cordial co-operation between independent India and Britain, even apart from the results of past contacts between the two countries.

Mr. Justice Lokur

Mr. Justice Lokur, who sat for the last time on the bench of the Bombay High Court on Thursday, is one of the best judges our High Court has ever had. A well-equipped and brilliant lawyer with a remarkably quick grasp, he did not suffer from that impatience which is the usual shortcoming of all first-class minds. Quick without being hasty, in his court both lawyers and litigants felt secure and confident that complete justice would be done. To lawyers who appeared before him, he was a model of courtesy—never brushing aside a point but always ready to meet the arguments advanced. In argument he was able to hold his own against the most eminent lawyers. On hearing an oral judgment delivered by him in 1939 with regard to the power of the High Court to issue Writs of Certiorari, one of the leaders of the Bombay Bar remarked that the depth of his learning in law was astounding. He could well have served the High Court on its Original Side and was one of the very few, who was equally great both as a Civil Judge and as a Criminal Judge. Though in the Sessions Court he conveyed the impression that he was the "convicting" type of judge, sitting in the Court of Criminal Appeal he upheld the high-jurisprudence set by some of the most eminent of our judges—never sacrificing an individual's life or liberty, however much he felt that he was guilty, unless on the record before him, a man's guilt had been legally proved. Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor of Belgaum, Mr. Justice Lokur was directly recruited to the Provincial Judiciary as an Assistant District and Sessions Judge. Following the only two non-I.C.S. men to come to the High Court from the mofussil, Mr. Justice Ranade and Mr. Justice Wassoodew, Mr. Justice Lokur has proved conclusively that the system of enlisting the district judiciary from the ranks of the I.C.S., which contains people who have never been practising lawyers, is uncalled for and should be discontinued. He has been one of the strongest limbs of the Bombay High Court and by his retirement it suffers an irreparable loss.

Our Readers' Views

"Nehru's 'Discovery of India'"

Sir,—Mr. S. Venkataraman has astonished me by his irresponsible criticism of the artists who have balletized Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru's 'Discovery of India'. That he should have rushed to the press on the basis of a report and commit to paper statements without inquiring into the veracity of that report does little credit to him as a critic.

For the information of Mr. Venkataraman I may say at once that Mrs. Shiva Rao has nothing to do with balletizing of the "Discovery of India", and least of all in "gathering talents" for it. Secondly, the ballet, "Discovey of India," was never meant particularly for the diversion of the delegates to the Inter-Asian Conference. Much before this Conference was announced to take place the Indian National Theatre—the new theatre movement in India, which has several successful productions to its credit ("Amrapali", the latest colourful ballet they put up received universal praise)—had sought and received Pandit Nehru's permission to balletize "Discovery of India" and arrangements were already in progress to produce it. If the Inter-Asian Conference coincided with the time factor, is there anything wrong if the Indian National Theatre offered to stage the ballet during the Conference week in Delhi and if the Entertainment Committee of the Conference accepted the offer?

Mr. Venkataraman scorns at "the way they have set about trying to make a travesty of Pandit Nehru's monumental contribution to India, to Indian history, thought, literature and sociology," and delivers a pertenntons judgment that "the reported attempt to translate this great work into visual virtuosic from is foredoomed to failure." I don't know what Mr. Venkataraman knows about "the way they have set about" and on what he bases his judgment. But I can tell him that it is no "amateurish dilettantes" who are engaged in the stupendous work. Let me assume that Mr. Venkataraman has written as an enthusiast of art. In that case, he should try to find out the facts and see how things are being done and then point out where anything, if at all, has gone wrong.

"Discovery of India" is no work of Pandit Nehru's "imagination". It is the result of acute study of historical facts and developments. "Discovery of India" is perhaps the one authentic parade of India from the earliest times to date. Any attempt to dramatise it, to give visual form, colour, symbol and rhythm to it must call for encouragement and not denunciation. Indian Theatre movement will have no meaning if it does not work to interpret India as she is and as she has grown through the ages on the stage.

After having said this, I must express my agreement with Mr. Venkataraman when he says that nothing but our very best should be shown to the Inter-Asian delegats. And I can tell him that none but universally accepted personages are associated with different items. Vallatholl is taking a Kathakali troupe to Delhi. Tara Chowdhary, who is recommended by people who know something of the art, is giving Bharata Natyam items. Shantiniketan will give a programme of Manipuri dances. Similarly, every item has been well thought out and every effort has been made to put up only the best talent that is available today. This is no work of "a few social busy bodies of Delhi" as Mr. Venkataraman would have the public believe. I must add too that he does great injustice to Kitty Shiva Rao. I know how hard she has been working. Her association with Indian art or artists is neither amateurish nor dilettantic; she has spent years in their midst and has perhaps some of the best contacts.

C. K. N.

Bombay Bakers' & Sales Tax

Mr. Faredun R. Irani, the President along with the legal adviser of the Bombay Bakers' Association waited on Mr. Vaikunth Mehta, the Finance Minister, Government of Bombay, on Monday, and placed before him the case of the bakers of the City and the suburbs for exempting all the varieties of cakes, pastries and biscuits manufactured by them from the scope of the Sales Tax Act, 1946. Emphasis was laid on the fact that the sales were mainly retail and therefore, it was impracticable to collect tax from the public unless it was at a rate higher than the statutory one. It was pointed out that the products manufactured by these bakers were being sold very cheap and were mainly consumed by the lower and the poor classes, who many a time had to rest content with one square meal a day and these cheap biscuits and pastries for the second meal; these also helped them to a great extent in supplementing the recent cut inflicted by the Government on their cereal rations.

The Finance Minister heard the deputation patiently and promised to give careful consideration to the case presented.

Ceylon's Supply Of Copra And Coconut Oil To India

COLOMBO, March 20, (Reuter): Mr. N. U. Jayawardene, Commissioner, Commodity Purchase, left for Delhi by air this morning to discuss with the Government of India authorities the supply of copra and coconut oil to India for which annual quotas are fixed under the Ceylon Government's Quinquennial Copra contract with the United Kingdom Food Ministry, it is learned.

Mr. Jayawardene will also try to obtain steel sheets from India for making drums for supply of coconut oil in view of the short-fall in last year's quota to India owing to scarcity of steel drums.

Plea For Separate Ministry Of Housing

Central Assembly Continues Debate On Rent Control Bill

NEW DELHI, March 20 (API):—The Central Assembly to-day continued the discussion on the Rent Control Bill.

Mr. B. K. Gokhale, Secretary of the Works, Mines and Power Department, concluding his speech, emphasised that the Bill was not an All-India measure. The legislation would cover only two small areas, Delhi and Ajmer-Merwara. No high policy was involved in it and he appealed to the House to expedite the passage of the Bill as the Rent Ordinance was due to expire in four days.

As many as 121 amendments have been tabled to this Bill.

MAKE HOUSING MAJOR ISSUE

Mr. Manu Subedar, supporting the Bill, touched on the wider aspects of the housing problem. He said that unless the Government of India made housing a major issue and took special steps to encourage house-building the serious situation would persist. He suggested the establishment of a Housing Board, preferably to be in charge of a Member whose exclusive job would be to devote himself to co-ordination of the activities of the various authorities for the promotion of house-building. He asked what measures had the Government taken to increase the number of houses.

In so far as rent legislation was concerned, Mr. Subedar said the position would continue to be tight so long as there was a gap between economic rent and controlled rent.

Khan Mohd. Yamin Khan while agreeing that tenants should be protected, pointed out that all landlords were not wicked and there were numerous cases of genuine hardship. Cost of living had gone up and the general income of tenants had also gone up. He asked why should many poor landlords whose only livelihood depended on the meagre rents collected very often from the single house owned by them should be penalised.

Mr. Deshabandhu Gupta referred to the various malpractices indulged in by certain tenants and said that sub-tenants whose number was not inconsiderable should also be protected.

Mr. N. M. Joshi criticised the provision excluding houses built after 1944 from the operation of the Bill. He supported Mr. Manu Subedar's suggestion for the setting up of a separate Department for Housing. This could be done on the lines of the British Ministry of Housing.

Mr. Sasanka Sekhar Sanyal urged that there should be no provision for eviction except on the grounds of default of payment of rent and that sub-tenants should also be treated as tenants.

BHABHA COMMENDS BILL AS AMENDED BY SELECT COMMITTEE

Mr. C. H. Bhabha, Member for Works, Mines and Power, said that this Bill had perhaps been the most controversial—barring measures of high finance (laughter) of the Bills that had come before the Legislature during this session. There had been vigorous canvassing on this measure, which pertained to the centrally administered areas of Delhi and Ajmer-Merwara only, from all quarters in the country, from the Himalayas to Cape Comorin.

To give a simple instance, a few days after the Select Committee's report was published, he received a communication from an unknown party in Poona pointing out that one of his dentist friends in the city had sublet his house and was supplementing his income although he had put up his charges for dental extraction. (Laughter).

The Bill as amended by the Select Committee was a fair compromise and Mr. Bhabha strongly commended it to the House. Government had an open mind on this issue and would be prepared to accept any fair suggestion made by members. If any part of the Bill was found to be inequitable to any of the parties, Government would try to amend it as soon as their attention was drawn to it.

GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGING BUILDING ACTIVITY

Government had done all in its power to encourage private building activity. Nor had they neglected construction of houses by the State itself. The recent activities of the Labour Department so far as construction in the mining area was concerned bore ample testimony to the awareness of Government of this aspect of the problem, Government had undertaken large—scale construction for its railway employees also. The present difficulties, especially in places like New Delhi, had arisen because of the large expansion of Government activities during the past few years. Government would fully consider the suggestion for the setting up of a Housing Board.

Mr. Satyapriya Banerjee supported the motion.

WHY PEOPLE FLOCK TO TOWNS.

Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed said the present difficulty was due to large-scale movement of the rural population to urban areas occasioned by war conditions and also because life had become unsafe in rural areas. This was mainly due to Government's policy and they should rectify it. He urged Government to provide facilities by making available cement, steel, timber, bricks and other house-building materials.

Replying to the debate, Mr. Gokhale said the resources budget prepared by the Government revealed a shortage of essential house-building materials which would continue for another two or three years. He doubted whether a shortage of materials could be rectified by the creation of a separate Ministry of Housing. These were matters of policy but the present Bill was a temporary measure intended to deal with temporary difficulties.

The House then proceeded to discuss amendments.

The House adjourned till tomorrow.

BILL TO PROMOTE WELFARE OF COAL-MINE LABOUR.

The Labour Member, Mr. Jagjeevan Ram, today introduced in the Central Assembly a Bill to make better provision for financing measures for promoting the welfare of labour employed in the coal-mining industry.

The Bill provides for raising the limit of the cess to 8 annas per ton. It is not, however, intended to levy this maximum rate forthwith and during the year 1947-48, it is not proposed to levy a total cess in excess of 6 annas per ton. Thereafter, with the further progress in the housing scheme, rates will have to be increased gradually and up to the maximum of 8 annas.

No Forced Contraction Of Notes In Circulation

It Is Neither Practicable Nor Desirable, Says Liaquat Ali

NEW DELHI, March 20. (A.P.I.): In the Central Assembly to-day, Mr. Mohd Nauman put a series of questions on the employment of troops in aid of civil power in Bihar and Noakhali and Tippera districts in Bengal.

Mr. G. S. Bhalja, Defence Secretary, said that it was estimated that as a result of firing by the army 313 persons were killed and 83 injured in Bihar in November 1946. Nearly all these were picked up by the army. On many occasions the mob removed their killed and wounded, and so it was not possible to give accurate figures of the number killed and wounded.

The troops deployed on October 20 in the Noakhali and Tippera districts in Bengal were six companies and on October 27 a brigade headquarters and 12 companies were in operation.

Twenty persons were killed and 15 injured as a result of military firing.

INDIAN TROOPS IN JAPAN.

The total number of Indian troops sent to Japan as part of the occupation forces was 11,414 said Mr. Bhalja replying to Mr. Manu Subedar, Government had decided to withdraw the Indian occupation forces as soon as this could be arranged in consultation with H. M. G. and other Commonwealth Governments concerned.

Sardar Surjit Singh Majithia: Is it a fact that not a single battalion commander in Japan is an Indian?

Ans: I am afraid I have no information at the moment.

RECRUITMENT OF SYEDS IN R. I. N.

Mr. Bhalja said in a written answer to Capt. Syed Abid Hussain that recruitment of Syeds to the R.I.N. was barred because past experience had shown that the conditions of service on ships had not proved acceptable to members of this community. There was no restriction on their recruitment to the army and air force.

Ques: Do Government propose to remove the restriction on Syeds in general and Shia Syeds in particular so far as their recruitment to the navy is concerned?

Ans: Yes, if Syeds are willing to accept conditions of service in the R.I.N. as they exist.

NOTES IN CIRCULATION.

The Finance Member, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, said in reply to Mr. Subedar that Government did not consider any forced contraction of the notes in circulation a practicable or desirable step, since the volume of notes in circulation must depend on various factors like public requirements, velocity of circulation, liquidity preference of the general public for the time being, etc. Actually, there had been no expansion of currency since June 1946.

It was true that the major portion of the Sterling Balances was held at present in the issue department of the Reserve Bank.

PUNJAB RELIEF FUND

Ahmedabad Millowners' Donate Rs. 50,000

AHMEDABAD, March 20, (A.P.I.): The Relief Committee of the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association has today telegraphically forwarded Rs 50,000 to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Home Member, Interim Government in response to his appeal for the relief of the riot affected areas of the Punjab.

BHOPAL'S MESSAGE FOR COMMUNAL HARMONY

BHOPAL, March 19, (A.P.I.): The Nawab of Bhopal in a message to the Bhopal Peace Liaison Committee has asked the Committee to redouble their efforts towards promoting communal and intersectional amity and harmony. Warning the people of Bhopal against playing into the hands of mischief makers and rumour mongers the message urges them to be cool, calm and steady.

Hot Springs In Arctic Circle

LONDON, (A.P.A.): Russia's "Hot Spring" sanatorium is being erected in the Arctic Circle on the Chukot Peninsula, according to a report by the Tass News Agency.

The sanatorium will stand on the shore of a never-freezing lake into which flow hot streams at a temperature of 90 degrees centigrade (194 degrees Fahrenheit), the Agency said.

EMERGENCY POWERS TO MEET STRIKES

Bill To Maintain Vital Services Passed By "Elders"

NEW DELHI, March 20, (API): The Council of State this morning passed two bills as passed by the Central Assembly. The first bill is to enable duties in connection with vital services to be imposed in an emergency on the armed forces of the Crown and the second provides for the continuance of provisions of the Defence of India Rules relating to control of trading with enemy persons, firms and states.

Sirdar Baldev Singh, Defence Member, who moved the first bill in replying to the debate made it clear that the object of the bill was not to put down strikes as feared by some members of the House, but to safeguard services that were considered essential to the community. The Central Government were not concerned to put down strikes under powers granted by this bill, but merely wished to have the necessary powers to see that in case of a strike in an essential service the armed forces could step in to see that the service was continued.

Earlier the House passed 15 motions relating to the election of non-official members to standing committees relating to various departments of the Government of India. The House adjourned till tomorrow.

FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN INDIA

Central Govt. To Take Census

NEW DELHI, March 20, (A.P.I.): The Finance Member, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, said in the Assembly in reply to Mr. Vadilal Lallubhai that the question of taking a census of foreign investments in India was under consideration.

No reliable information was available about the total value of assets before 1939, figures of sales since 1939 and tre present value.

Mr. Vadilal: Is is a fact that while the Sterling Debt negotiations were going on the Finance Department made certain calculations about this?

Finance Member: I am sorry I cannot give that information.

Mr. Vadilal: Is it a fact that these figures were discussed during those negotiations with the British Delegation?

Ans: The matter of negotiations is confidential.

Mr. Manu Subedar: In view of the importance of this topic in future, will Government consider whether such a census should not be taken for future purposes?

Ans: I said the matter is under consideration.

Mr. Vadilal: What time will Government take to make these calculations known to the public?

Finance Member: As soon as the calculations are ready.

SUPPORT FOR CENTRAL BUDGET

BOMBAY, March 20 (API): The Central Government Budget proposals were supported by some of the members of the Delegation, which visited U. K., U.S.A., and Europe on behalf of the All-India Manufacturers' organisation, speaking at a reception given by the Executive of the Organisation last evening.

Mr. Sankalchand G. Shah said that the proposals were sponsored by "our own Ministers functioning under a constitution for which we have voted" and as such, he said, the criticism levelled against them was unwarranted. He was not pessimistic about the implications of the Finance Bill.

Mr. S. N. Haji said that the proposals for taxing business profits and capital gains were the only means of meeting the huge deficit in a national Budget. He added that a businessman whose only motive was profit could have legitimate grounds for complaint but a manufacturer's only concern was the progress of industries. If the industrialisation of the country was assured under the Budget proposals he would support the Finance Bill.

Sir M. Visveswaraya, leader of the Delegation, appealed for the early formulation of an industrial structure by the Central Government and the building up of a strong bureau for the collection of statistics, covering every aspect of India's industrial and mineral resources.

Kenya Representative For Asian Conference

MOMBASA, March 20, (U.P.I.): Mr. James Beauttah, Representative of the Kenya Africans, sailed today for India by S.S. "Amra" to attend the Inter-Asian Relations Conference to be held in New Delhi on March 23. He intends to meet prominent Indian leaders and Government representatives in India to establish a closer friendship between the two countries and find out what assistance the Africans can expect to have from the Government and peoples of India.

BILL TO CONTROL INDIAN SHIPPING

Shipping Companies Request To Commerce Member

BOMBAY, March 20 (API): Twelve Indian Shipping Companies have today sent a telegram to Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, Commerce Member, Government of India, requesting him to make suitable amendments in the relative clauses of the Bill recently introduced in the Central Assembly to control Indian Shipping so that ships on Indian Register owned and controlled and managed by Indians can take part in Overseas trades and thus Indian shipping can build up its position in these waters.

These Companies urge that it will be unjust to compel ships recently acquired for overseas trades in addition to existing ships to run for carrying priority cargoes on the coast. They hope that Government will fix such economic fares as will give Indian Shipping Companies fair and reasonable return on their capital.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

MOSCOW, March 18.

The text of a secret agreement reached at Yalta by the United States, Britain and Russia on the method of payment of reparations by Germany was disclosed by M. Molotov yesterday.

—Reuter.

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Harold Guard, London correspondent of the United Press of America gathers that Lord Mountbatten would commence where Lord Wavell was "baffled" by the Muslim League's astuteness.

Maybe. But having tried to study the story which the correspondent sets forth in double and treble negatives we cannot deny that we are not quite sure that we haven't failed to understand what exactly Lord Mountbatten is going to do.

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The Muslim League Assembly Party in Sind has decided that, if and when the British transfer power to a united centre without any agreement, Sind must be ready to declare itself an independent sovereign State.

In the Sterling Bloc, of course?

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For this purpose the Party, we understand, has formed a Constitution Committee which is to begin work soon.

It isn't suggested that non-Muslim Leaguers in Sind have been invited to serve or have even formally been consulted. Which is as it should be, isn't it?

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The Committee, however, would invite experts "from outside" to help in their task.

Need we guess who?

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AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES OF SIND

Sir F. Mudie On New Schemes

—Headlines.

It would be only in the fitness of things and no more than the merest recognition of his historic services if after the declaration of Independence too Sind continued to benefit from Sir Francis Mudie's great talents and abilities as for instance, —yes, we have it, as Supreme Adviser-in-Chief to the Government.

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"Muslim Leaguers picketed liquor shops in Bannu and Kohat....": A.P.I.

If you know your political geography, as we hope you do, you ought to know that Bannu and Kohat are in the N.-W.F.P. and, not in Sind or Bengal.

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Dr. Ba Maw, the former Premier of Burma says: "This is Asia's hour. If only our peoples prove equal to it, the whole new world will be ours in Asia".

No thanks. Don't want the whole world, new or old.

Jaiprakash For Lucknow

NEW DELHI, March 20 (API): Mr. Jai Prakash Narain, General Secretary of the Socialist Party of India arrived here to-day from Punjab after a two-day visit of the affected areas. He is leaving for Lucknow to-day.

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN TALKS TO BE RESUMED?

New Developments Against U. N. O. Arbitration

CAIRO, March 20 (Reuter): While nothing official is known, there are signs here that talks on the revision of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty may be resumed soon despite the Egyptian decision to submit her case to the United Nations.

It is reliably learnt that King Farouk is eager to see a new treaty signed and Abdel Fattah Ama Pasha, the Egyptian Ambassador to London, who is in Egypt at present is trying to impress his view-point on prominent Egyptians that nothing can be gained by referring the issue to an International arbitration.

Observers are wondering, however, how Premier Nokrashy Pasha can withdraw gracefully from his avowed intention to submit the case to the United Nations and sanction the reopening of direct negotiations.

The Arab newspaper 'Al Kotla' supplies what it considers an answer to this by saying that it believes negotiations will be resumed by a new Government headed by the Chief of the Royal Cabinet, Ibrahim Abdel Hady Pasha.

Meanwhile some observers are giving what may prove to be an undue significance to the fact that Nokrashy Pasha had lunch here yesterday with the Premiers of Syria and the Lebanon—two countries still willing to mediate in the Anglo-Egyptian dispute.

It was stated that "questions of common interests" were discussed during the lunch.

KRIPALANI BEGINS MYSORE TOUR

MYSORE, March 19 (A.P.I.): Acharya Kripalani, the Congress President, began his two-day tour of Mysore today. Accompanied by his wife and party, Acharya Kripalani arrived in Mysore City this afternoon by car from Calicut. The Congress President was given a reception and was offered garlands at various points in the city as he drove to the house of Mr. Chennayya, Congress Leader, where he is staying.

A feature of the reception was the garlanding of the Congress President by a Muslim Leaguer at one point.

Addressing the gathering there Acharya Kripalani urged the need for Hindu-Muslim co-operation.

Later, the Congress President visited the Kasturba Centre at Belladi and expressed appreciation of the work carried on there.

WHEAT WILL BE SCARCE TILL MAY

Country Facing 4 Million Ton Shortage In Food-grains

NEW DELHI, March 20 (U.P.I.): The overall food position of India in 1947, though slightly better than last year, is reported to be causing anxiety to the authorities. The total rice deficit for the year is about 2 million tons and according to the present expectations the deficit in rabi crop will also be in the neighbourhood of two million tons. Last year India's total shortage was 6 million tons.

The Government of India have already intimated the Joint Food Board in Washington of the food position in India. They are reported to be constantly in touch with them.

The Board, it is gathered, allotted 13 lakhs tons of wheat, barley, maize, millets etc. and four lakhs tons of rice for India for the period ending June 1947.

India will require about four million tons of imported foodgrains this year and any reduction in this quota, it is stated, will seriously affect the rationing structure.

The wheat situation is also causing anxiety now and it is stated that this acute scarcity will continue till May next when the new crop is expected to reach the market. This scarcity is due to the fact that huge stocks had to be sent to South India from Government's wheat pool during the period of crisis resulting in the little supply in the way of reserve with the Government. Many towns are reported to have been out of wheat ration totally. But the Government, it is understood, are determined to maintain the present ration of 12 ounces.

Further Improvement In Punjab Situation

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pledge after noon prayers in mosques situated in their own localities. Any unusual congregation both in urban and rural areas must be strictly avoided.

CAMPBELLPUR, March 20 (API): The Pir of Makhad is touring with members of all communities in Pindigheb tehsils to restore confidence among the minority community.

SITUATION WORSENS IN NOAKHALI

CALCUTTA, March 20 (API):—(Passed for publication by the Ad Hoc Committee at Delhi).

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookherjee, the Hindu Mahasabha leader, in a statement to-day said that the communal situation in Noakhali and Chandpur had been fast deteriorating during the last fortnight, and needed immediate attention at the hands of the authorities.

"From numerous letters and personal interviews held with local representatives we find that loot, arson, attacks and intimidation of the minority community have become common", he said. "Unfortunately the victims do not receive due protection from the local authorities, and accused persons who are now released on bail are openly threatening the villagers demanding withdrawal of cases, on failure of which serious consequences are threatened.

"The situation is further worsened in view of the decision to observe March 23 as "Pakistan Day". Meetings are being held and preparations are being made which are naturally having an unnerving effect. Many of the thanas have been removed, and this has emboldened the mischief makers."

GHAZANFAR ALI MEETS PUNJAB GOVERNOR

LAHORE, March 20. (A.P.I.): Mr. Ghazanfar Ali Khan, Health Member in the Interim Government met the Governor of the Punjab today and discussed the situation in the province. The meeting lasted an hour.

40 DEMONSTRATORS ARRESTED

CALCUTTA, March 20. (A. P. A.): About 40 persons were arrested by the police today when a crowd collected in front of the Kalighat Tram Depot in South Calcutta and made demonstrations in connection with the Tram way workers' strike which has been going on since January 21.

No incidents were reported in any part of the city but the streets were being patrolled by armed police and military. Armed police pickets were placed at the gates of all tram depots and the company headquarters was heavily guarded.

BENGAL GOVT.'S PRECAUTIONS

CALCUTTA, March 20. (A.P.I.): A Bengal Government Press note says: "Pakistan Day" will be celebrated on Sunday, March 23. In this connection, the Government of Bengal bring to the notice of all concerned that in *all those areas in Bengal where orders* under Section 144 Cr. P. C. or *similar orders prohibiting processions* demonstrations and public meetings are in force, those orders must be *strictly complied with. In those* areas therefore any meetings which *it may be desired to hold on Pakistan* Day" must be held in such a manner *as not to contravene the orders* and in any event, public open-air meetings, processions and demonstrations will not be allowed.

HARIJANS TO SIDE WITH HINDUS

LAHORE, March 20. (A.P.I.): Eight Harijan members of the Punjab Assembly in a joint statement to the press declare their solemn intention to stand and fall with the Hindus and Sikhs of the Province. Those who make false propaganda, they say, that the Harijans are going to join the League or would join it in the near future are only interested persons of the League itself.

38 Teachers Jailed

NAGPUR, March 20 (UPI): Thirty eight primary teachers have been sentenced to one month's simple imprisonment each and to pay a fine of Rs. 40 for offering Satyagraha.

NEW YORK, March 20, (A.P.A.): Pepper, of which almost the entire American supply is imported from India and the Netherlands East Indies, is being counterfeited in the United States, the Department of Commerce has warned the public. The fake product is said to be made by mixing corn starch, ground cottonseed hulls and a dash of pepper oil.

BOMBAY ASSEMBLY DISCUSSES HEALTH PROBLEMS

Eleven Cut Motions Moved Against Demand For Medical Grant Withdrawn

BOMBAY, Thursday.—The Bombay Legislative Assembly, after a debate lasting two days passed the total grant of Rs. 2,46,56,000 under the heads Medical and Public Health, asked for by the Health Minister, Dr. M. D. D. Gilder.

Eleven cut motions, majority of them tabled by Muslim League members, were discussed during the debate and all were withdrawn by the movers after the Minister's reply.

The attendance during today's sitting was very poor obviously due to the strain of the non-stop day and night sitting of the House on Wednesday.

SUBSIDISED MEDICAL SCHEME

Dr. M. N. Natu moving a cut motion appealed to the Government to improve the subsidised medical practioners' scheme, which was doing useful work in rural areas. He felt that the allowance of Rs. 75 and Rs. 50 fixed by the Government for Allopathic and Ayurvedic doctors under the scheme was not sufficient to attract qualified men.

Dr. Gilder said that the subsidised medical practitioners centres were only part of the Government's rural health programme. Besides this, there were health centres and epidemic ambulances for villages. The scheme was mainly intended to attract qualified doctors from the cities to the rural areas. He said that the allowance of Rs. 75 given to them was higher than the pay of a Sub-Assistant Surgeon.

The cut motion was withdrawn by Dr. Natu.

ABOLITION OF LICENTIATE MEDICAL SCHOOLS

Moving a cut motion to discuss the proposed abolition of Licentiate Medical Schools, Mr. Chakranarayan made a plea for the continuation of these schools which, he said, were doing good work in the field of medical education.

Dr. Gilder in his reply said that the licentiates approached Government to allow them to the degree course. The University had stipulated that the licentiates would be admitted to the degree course after the abolition of the L.C.P.S. course. He assured the mover that the question of upgrading the Miraj Medical School would be sympathetically considered.

On this assurance the cut motion was withdrawn.

Dr. Natu moved another cut motion to discuss grants in aid to Ayurvedic and Unani institutions.

The motion was supported by Mr. A. H. Mirza and Mr. S. A. Dange.

Mr. Babubhai Patel opposed the motion.

The Health Minister replying reminded the House that a Committee had already been appointed to inquire into the working of the Medical Practitioners' Act.

Replying to Mr. Dange the Minister agreed that the knowledge with regard to industrial medicine in India was poor.

The Government of India had started a scheme under which students would be sent to the United Kingdom and America for higher studies in industrial medicine. He was glad to announce that one student from Bombay had been selected for this course.

The cut motion was withdrawn.

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

Mr. A. H. Mirza moved a cut motion to criticise the present system of admission of students to Medical colleges.

The motion was opposed by Mr. Babubhai Patel and Dr. Alban DeSouza.

Dr. Gilder replying to the debate said that admission to the college was based on the merit of the student. The Minister said that the Government were running three medical colleges in the Province with facilities for 250 students. Out of this, 24 seats were reserved for Muslims, 24 for backward classes, 7 for Sind, 19 for States, 2 for South Africans and 36 for girls. The Bombay Municipality was running a medical college in the city and another college would be taken up by it shortly.

Mr. Mirza withdrew the motion.

Dr. Natu moving a token cut motion to the total demand of Rs. 13,99,500 for medical hospitals drew the attention of the Health Minister to the overcrowding and inadequacy of the medical staff in mental hospitals.

Mr. A. H. Mirza supported Dr. Natu.

Dr. Gilder said that Government were alive to the fact that much had to be done for those suffering from mental diseases.

Haji Noor Mohammad Ahmad moved a token cut to emphasise the necessity of imparting nursing instruction in Urdu in various nursing colleges in the Province which formed the medium of instruction in nursing.

Mr. A. H. Mirza and Mr. M. M. A. Bhaiji supported the motion.

Dr. Gilder said that so far as examination was concerned there was provision for answering questions in Urdu also. If the mover of the cut could give an assurance that teachers in nursing were available who could teach in Urdu he had no objection to making Urdu as a medium of instruction.

BHORE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. S. L. Karandikar moved a cut motion to the demand of Rs. 10,19,200 for Medical Post-War Reconstruction and Development Programme in order to discuss the reorganisation of Medical and Health Departments in the light of the recommendations of the Bhore Committee.

Replying to the cut motion, Dr. Gilder said that recommendations of the Bhore Committee could not be adopted 'in toto.' That would take up all the revenue of the Province. Recommendations of the Committee were being implemented in a modified form in order to suit the conditions of this Province.

Dr. Gilder gave the assurance that on the introduction of Insurance Act in the Province, after some years, medical conditions in the Province would be the same as they were in U.K. today. The U.K. had taken 30 years to achieve these results, but Bombay would not take such a long time.

All the three cut motions were withdrawn.

The House adjourned till Monday.

PUBLIC SAFETY BILL PASSED

BOMBAY, Thursday.—Characterising the Public Safety Bill as "a repressive and reactionary measure, making provisions which deny the citizens the elementary rights of freedom and liberty conceded by democracy," Mr. A. A. Khan, leader of the Muslim League Party in the Bombay Legislative Assembly voiced his protest against the Bill and with his party staged a walk-out at 4-15 a.m. after a day-and-night session.

As the League members were filing off Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister, spiritedly raised his voice saying: "Come back, come back." But before the echoes of Mr. Kher's appeal had died, the League members had shuffled out.

DANGE'S SOLITARY VOICE

Then rose the solitary voice of Mr. S. A. Dange against the bill. It was possible now he said to assess the net result. The rule envisaged under this piece of legislation was full of bans and detention camps." Repressive measures already in force were sought to be buttressed by it. The Government by passing this bill were anxious to produce a certificate to the people that they were efficient to hold power which, they thought, was coming to them.

The bill aimed at installing a rule of vested interests carried out by bureaucracy. It did not solve the problems of the people. That was the crisis they were in and it would not be solved by this sort of legislation.

MORARJI'S RETORT

Mr. Morarji Desai said that those who wanted to work for the uplift of the country need not have any fears. Problems of the people had to be solved peacefully and peace had to be achieved firmly and permanently. It was necessary to control extreme elements. But Government at the same time would ensure that the measure was used properly and the enjoyment of civil liberties was not endangered.

The bill went through the third reading without any delay with Mr. Dange offering opposition to the last minute. He demanded division, although he was the only opposition member present. Mr. S. L. Karandihar remaining neutral.

Within fifteen minutes of the exit of the League Party the bill was passed.

SHAPE OF INDIA'S CONSTITUTION

Elaborate Questionnaire Distributed

NEW DELHI, March 20, (A.P.I.): An elaborate questionnaire relating to the shape of India's future constitution has been addressed by the constitutional adviser of the Constituent Assembly to members of the Central and all Provincial Legislatures and replies have been requested by April 10. This is intended not only to speed up and facilitate the framing of a constitution before June 1948, but to obtain the views of as large a section of Indian legislators as possible on vital questions relating to India's future constitution.

The questionnaire is divided into five sections relating to the head of the State, the Judiciary, the Executive, the Legislative aspects, and to amendments to the constitution.

The questions relate only to the Central or Union constitution, but may also apply in many cases to Provincial spheres.

Typical of the questions are:

What should be the designation of *the head of the Indian Union? How* should he be chosen? What should be his functions of office? Should the Union Executive, be of the British type (parliamentary) or the American *type (non-parliamentary) or the* Swiss type (mixed) or any other *type? How should the Union Legisla*ture be constituted? What provisions should be made for the adequate representation of different communities and interests?

"INDIA CENTRE" IN U. S.

Govil Negotiates For Purchase Of Building

NEW YORK, March 18. (Reuter): Negotiations for the purchase of an eight-storey building as the permanent headquarters for "India Centre" in the United States were begun today by Mr. Hari Govil, founder and Director of the India Society of America.

The building, which is situated in a New York fashionable river-side drive overlooking the Hudson River, will be used for the development of cultural relations between India and America.

The Centre will also provide living quarters for Indian businessmen and other visitors from India.

Mr. Govil left New York tonight for Washington to discuss the project with India's Ambassador Mr. Asaf Ali.

Orders Under Defence Act

Validity Questioned In Federal Court

NEW DELHI, March 20, (A. P. I.): A novel and sensational point which, if conceded, would affect the validity of almost all orders issued by the Central Government under the Defence of India Act and rules, was raised by Mr. M. C. Setalvad before the Federal Court today.

He was continuing his arguments on behalf of the J. K. Gas plant manufacturing Company Ltd., (Rampur), the Directors of which have been prosecuted by a Special Tribunal at Lahore for contravening the Steel Control and Movement by Rail Orders. This is one of the cases in a series of appeals from Bombay, Madras and Sind provinces, involving a common question whether prosecution in respect of acts committed under the Defence of India Act and rule could be initiated or continued after the Act and the rules have been withdrawn.

Mr. Setalvad contended that the Steel Control and Production Order and the Steel movement by Rail order like several other orders under the Defence of India Act and Rules were issued by the "Central Government". But under Section 40(1) of Schedule 9 of the Government of India Act it was imperative that all "orders and other proceedings of the Governor-General in Council shall be expressed to be made by the Governor-General-in-Council". The "Central Government" as defined in the General Clauses Act might mean either the Governor-General himself or the Governor-General in Council and an order which is merely expressed to be made by the Central Government does not comply with the requirements of the Section.

ENGLISH LAW.

Mr. Setalvad quoted English authorities to prove that in the case of acts of temporary duration all prosecution for breach of such acts, should be laid or completed before these Acts expired and that, after their expiry, no action could be taken and even pending proceedings could not be continued unless there was an expressed statutory provision to that effect.

Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar, appearing on behalf of the Meenakshi Mills, Madras, the Directors of which are being prosecuted for breach of cotton cloth and control order raised similar contentions. Supporting Mr. Setalvad, he said, that the provisions contained in Section 40(10) of the Government of India Act were imperative and mandatory and that non-compliance with them would nullify orders and proceedings.

Sir M. P. Engineer, Advocate-General of India, appearing on behalf of the Government argued that the orders impeached could not be questioned since the provisions of Section 40(1) was merely directory and that the mere substitution of the words "Central Government" for "Governor-General-in-Council" could not invalidate the orders.

Their Lordships have reserved the judgment.

AMERICA NOT STEPPING IN ANYBODY'S SHOES

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watched with deep concern throughout the vast area from the Dardanelles to the China Sea."

Mr. Acheson outlined the "probable consequences of not extending aid."

He said that "should the integrity and independence of Greece be lost or compromised, the effect upon Turkey is inevitable."

He stressed the difficult problems facing the countries some of them emerging into Statehood—to the east and south of Turkey. "These nations", he said, "wish and should be able to develop and maintain free institutions and individual liberties, but untoward circumstances may force them in the other direction. I need not emphasise to you what would more than likely be effect on nations in the Middle East of a collapse in Greece and Turkey and installation of totalitarian regimes there."

Mr. Dean Acheson added: "The outcome is being watched with the deepest anxiety by the peoples of the West, particularly the peoples of Europe who, as the President said, are struggling against great difficulties to maintain their freedom and independence while they repair the damages while they repair the damages of war".

LEAVE IT TO PRESIDENT

Replying to a question, Mr. Acheson said that of the 400,000,000 dollars appropriation about 300,000,000 dollars would be for Greek needs and about 100,000,000 dollars for Turkish needs.

He recommended that the legislation should leave it to the President's discretion whether the financial assistance should be given in the form of *loans or gifts. The general principle* he suggested was that the funds allo*cated to Greece and Turkey for non*-wealth production purposes should not be in the form of loans. If the economy of Greece was burdened by such loans it might not be able to become an effective borrower from the International Bank. The allocation *for wealth production projects might,* however, be in the form of a loan.

GREECE ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE

Mr. Acheson said that Greece would collapse in a matter of weeks if aid was denied and the collapse would occur now if it was known that the United States was not coming to Greece's aid.

Questioned about the charges that the United States was stepping into the place of the British Empire, Mr. Acheson said: "We are approaching this form the American point of view. We are not attempting to step into anyone's shoes".

He agreed that there were other areas besides Greece and Turkey to which the United States might give help in a different way. The United States protest regarding events in Hungary was for the same purpose as the aid to greece and Turkey, he said adding: "We think an attempt is being made to force on the Hungarian people a form of Government which we think they have repudiated."

Asked why the United States Government was apparently giving comfort to the communists in China while proposing to challenge them in Greece, Mr. Acheson said that the United States Government gave enormous sums in relief, surplus property and loans to support the Chinese National Government and had not it any time urged the inclusion of Communists, but had only desired a more representative and more efficient Government.

NO POSSIBILITY OF WAR

Asked if the United States Intervention in Greece and Turkey would lead to war, Mr. Acheson replied: "I was going to say—no possibility that it would lead to war." He paused and added: "I do not think it could lead to war. By strengthening the forces of democracy and freedom you do a great deal to eliminate friction between great powers."

Mr. Acheson said that United States funds would also be necessary to maintain stability in southern Korea. The United States had tried in negotiations with Russia to get a unified Government in Korea. This had not been successful and "we must tackle the problems of southern Korea on their own merits."

It was hoped he said that by the time the British forces withdrew from Greece there would be sufficient stability as a result of the programme under discussion. It was understood, he added, that the British Training Mission would continue in Greece.

There was no provision in the Bill and no intention to send United States armed forces or troops to Greece.

Menon Flying To India

Appointment To High-Ranking Diplomatic Post Likely

LONDON, March 20, (I. P. A.): Mr. Krishna Menon left London today by air for India and is likely to be appointed by Pandit Nehru to high-ranking diplomatic post.

Mr. Menon who recently visited the Governments of Mexico, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Czechoslovakia and Italy to open negotiations for establishing diplomatic relations, is reporting to Government.

Mr. Menon received great welcome everywhere and found all Cabinets favourable to his mission and sympathetic to Indian independence. Widespread interest in trade with India was evidenced in all talks. Mr. Menon had excellent publicity in the press his interviews being featured in the newspapers. His able handling of the task has greatly enhanced his already well-established reputation as a talented Indian diplomat.

DUTCH-INDONESIAN AGREEMENT SIGNED

Joint Administration Of Modjokerto Area

BATAVIA, March 20. (A.P.A.): The Netherlands army announced today that an agreement has been signed with the Indonesian Republic for joint administration of the Modjokerto area.

The Dutch ceased operations after completing the occupation of the flooded delta region.

A Dutch army spokesman today charged that a "good part" of large amounts of Republican army material captured in the Netherlands army drive into Modjokerto was "of British origin". He added that two British Indian deserters were captured fighting with the Indonesians.

DUTCH REPLY TO BR. PROTEST

THE HAGUE, March 20. (Reuter): Replying to the British note of protest against interception of British shipping in the Netherlands East Indies waters, the Netherlands Government has handed over a note upholding the action.

The note denies the existence of a blockade and states that the interceptions took place within territorial waters and in complete accordance with International Law and existing Netherlands Indies Regulations.

BR. CAPTAIN FINED IN DUTCH COURT

BATAVIA, March 20. (Reuter): Capt. William Burrows, British Master of the 2,000-ton British steamer "Fortune", pleaded guilty in a Dutch Court here today to disobeying a Dutch Naval order to get under way when ordered at Cheribon (Java), entering Dutch territorial waters without a permit, and attempting to import goods without a licence. The Court fined Captain Burrows 250 Guilders (£ 25).

The "Fortune" was intercepted by the Dutch Navy off Cheribon in February.

NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, March 20, (U. P. I.): The Arabian American Oil Company operating in Saudi Arabia recently entered into an agreement with the Lebanese Government to recruit labour in Beirut for construction of oil pipeline.

Commenting on this one newspaper says: "Is not this an interference in our country's public life on the pretext of granting employment?"

LONDON, March 20, (A. P. A.): Three of the world's four great wheat-exporting nations agreed yesterday on a maximum price of one dollar and eighty cents a bushel for exported bread grain. But the Argentine declined to go along with the United States, Canada and Australia, and an informed source at the International Wheat Conference said the anticipated Argentine reluctance to accept an international agreed price for her wheat exports "may torpedo the proposed world wheat agreement."

LONDON, March 20, (A. P. A.): Government source said yesterday that Sir David Ross, Oxford authority on Aristotle, has been chosen to head the public investigation into Britain's newspapers which will include on-the-spot inquiries inside London newspaper offices.

The Commission will organise next month and then adjourn for about two months before beginning its investigation, and all the Commission's hearings will be held in public, the source declared.

CHINESE REDS FIGHTING HARD

Despite Loss Of Their 13-Year-Old Capital

NANKING, March 20, (Reuter): At least five Chinese Government divisions took part in the drive which led to the fall of the Communist capital of Yenan yesterday.

All top-ranking Communist leaders had left the famous "cave" city and all equipment had been removed, according to reports reaching Nanking today.

The Communist Radio was back on the air today from its new home "somewhere in the mountain area north of Yenan" and made no reference to tre loss of the city.

Despite the loss of their 13-year-old capital, Communist troops in the six provinces of Northern China—Shantung, Honan, Hopei, Shansi, Suiyan and Manchuria—are reported to be fighting as hard as ever against Government forces and making gains in at least two areas.

SINKIANG CAUSES ANXIETY

LONDON, March 20, (U.P.A.): The situation in China's far western province of Sinkiang and in Inner Mongolia is causing "grave concern" to the Chinese Government, a spokesman for the Chinese Ministry of Information said today.

The new troubles originated in Sinkiang in connection with the departure to Nanking of Governor-General Chang Chiah-Chung and the racial minorities in the province are now demanding a greater degree of autonomy despite having been given a representative in the provincial Government, the spokesman said. He added that these minorities included "many Russian citizens" enjoying the "official backing" of the Soviet Government".

CENSORSHIP OF CHINESE PRESS?

SHANGHAI, March 20, (A.P.A.): The Chinese Government, beset by civil war and economic troubles at home and by uprisings in Formosa that one observer terms a revolution, has tightened its press policy.

Foreign correspondents have expressed fear that censorship of the Chinese press may follow. Some predict complete suppression of criticism.

The Associated Press of America, the United Press of America, Reuters and Tass, the Russian agency, were among those instructed to apply for permission to continue issuing Chinese translations of their news. Such translations have been made without restriction since news services were re-established in Shanghai at the end of the war.

Some agency men expressed fear that the order might be a prelude to suppression of their Chinese translations, thus constituting a form of censorship of the Chinese press.

NO WITHDRAWAL OF BR. FORCES

Britain's Responsibility In India Before Transfer Of Power

LONDON, March 20 (Reuter).—Britain will not contemplate total withdrawal of her forces from India in the intervening period before power is transferred, declared Mr. A. V. Alexander, Minister of Defence, when opening the debate on defence policy in the House of Commons today.

He said: "Our forces in India have been drastically reduced since the end of the war. Until the transfer of authority to Indians takes place in 16 months' time, we have responsibilities in India which require the continued presence of British forces and we are not, therefore, prepared to contemplate complete withdrawal of the forces from India in the intervening period before power is transferred."

Mr. Alexander was moving the resolution asking the House to welcome Government's defence policy as outlined in the recent White Paper.

Compromise Over Central Budget?

NEW DELHI, March 20 (API).—Treasury benches in the Central Assembly were empty today as the Finance Member and his colleagues held prolonged discussions on the Budget proposals. Following the submission of the Select Committee's report on the business profit tax over which there is a definite cleavage between the Congress Party and the Government, it is understood today's talks were intended to find an acceptable compromise between the contending parties.

*According to lobby reports, indica*tions at present are that a satisfactory formula would be evolved and a smooth passage of the Budget proposals might be anticipated. It is understood these talks would be continued tomorrow. While the nature of the formula is not known it is believed the compromise suggests a reduction in the percentage of business profit-tax which the Government want at 25 per cent and the Congress Party at 12-1/2 per cent.

MINISTERS TO DO CLEANING WORK

Over 125 Sweepers Arrested In Nagpur

NAGPUR, March 20 (U.P.I.): It is learnt that following yesterday's example set by Premier Ravi Shankar Shukla, the Ministers will continue to perform the cleanwork of the city until the sweepers' strike is called off. It is also stated that over 125 sweepers who have been arrested for disobedience of orders under the amended Ordinance will be utilised as prisoners to do the work.

K. F. Karaka: Off My Chest

An old situation arises with regard to the Finance Bill. The Congress Party, which is in the majority in the Assembly, is reported to have presented minutes of dissent in the Select Committee. The Finance Member, apparently backed by Mr. Mathai, the brains of the Interim Government, is inclined to stick to his guns. What I fail to understand is, why when India is clamouring to have Cabinet responsibilities at the Centre, a situation like this could have arisen, when a Cabinet is divided on one of the most important bills which is before it.

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An A.P.A. message, with a London dateline, says that there is reason to believe that the British Cabinet would not object to a marriage between Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Phillip Mountbatten, which is the new British name of the recently naturalized Prince Phillip of Greece. The attitude of Mr. Attlee and his colleagues is obviously much more human and natural than that of Mr. (now Lord) Stanley Baldwin and, of course, Mrs. Baldwin, who were prominent in the crisis which resulted in the abdication of Edward VIII. If this report of the Cabinet backing this possible royal romance is true, Mr. Attlee must be congratulated on a brilliant piece of diplomacy, for this decision will obviously be popular in England today. The spirit of new England is inclined to give everyone the right to his, or her, freedom and it is reasonable that the heir to the British throne should also be entitled to that freedom. After all, if a girl, when she is twenty-one, wants to marry a man, it is no business of other people to interfere with her choice.

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There appears to be signs of realism in the Punjab with the enacting of the Disturbed Areas Act. This Act provides for the punishment of death for offences of attempted murder, abduction, rape, dacoity and arson committed in the disturbed areas, notwithstanding any punishment prescribed in the Indian Penal Code.

It is hoped that the example of the Punjab will be followed in other parts of India where several elements have been getting unduly irresponsible.

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There is no truth in the rumour that in view of the political changes taking place in New Delhi, Sir Shantidas Askuran is contemplating paying Rs. 500 to the R.W.I.T.C. to change the name of his Arab horse, "Lord Wavell" to "Mountbatten".

FIRST ROCKET PLANE

LOS ANGELES, (California), March 20, (APA): America's first military rocket plane—perhaps the world's first—was flown from the isolated Harper dry lake on the desert on July 5, 1944, and then was placed on the U.S. army's list, of foremost secrets.

It is now revealed that the craft, MX324, was a flying wing type with only a 2-ft. span and embodied the "prone cockpit" wherein the pilot may lie flat on his stomach for greater ease in manoeuvrability.

Epic Of Noakhali

Among the many heroic 'experiments with truth' which Gandhiji has undertaken in his long and chequered life, his peace mission in Noakhali may be acclaimed in days to come as the most heroic.

An entrancing account of the mission and photos of its final phase, i.e., 'the village to village march', appear in the next issue of the *Bombay Chronicle Weekly.*

The article is from the pen of Mr. D. G. Tendulkar who spent a week touring with the Mahatma last month.

Return Of An Exile

The amazing odyssey of an *Indian revolutionary, Sardar* Ajit Singh, (uncle and political mentor of Bhagat of immortal fame) who returned home this month after an exile of forty years.

Playing The Host

How Britain entertains her official visitors which includes some anecdotes of the recent London visit of the Indian leaders, and also of a guest who wanted a famous London actress for his harem —the sheikh!

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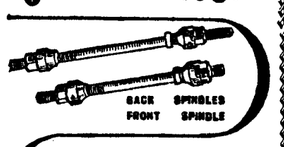

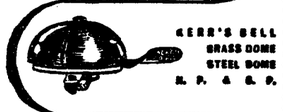

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Regal

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

(Cineguild—G.F.D.)

Players: John Mills, Valerie Hobson, Francis L. Sullivan, Martita Hunt, Alec Guinness.

Director: David Lean.

This fine British picturisation of the famous Dickens classic proves admirably how suspense, thrills and entertainment, can be provided by even old-fashioned melodrama, without the necessity of probing, modernwise, into the psychopathic aberrations of the human mind and providing tedious discursions thereon.

If your expectations of this adaptation have been high, rest assured they will be more than fulfilled. Brilliant technique makes the settings of the marshes, London of the period and most of the characters, spring to life in just the proper atmosphere. Where omissions of scenes and characters have had to be made in the interest of condensation, care seems to have been taken to preserve the essentials. While the original lacked a happy ending, Dickens is believed to have written one, all the same, as an alternative, and it is this which has been used for the film.

For those unacquainted with the famous classic, the story, briefly, tells of Pip, a blacksmith's apprentice, who gets the chance to be a "gentleman" through an anonymous benefactor, who, later, reveals himself as Magwitch, a convict the boy had helped with food while the escapee was roaming the marshes. When Magwitch returns, a prosperous sheep farmer from New South Wales whereto he had escaped, the grown-up Pip and his friend, Herbert Pocket, try to get him out of England where the old sentence still hangs on his head. The unsuccessful attempt provides a most exciting sequence which leads to the parentage of Estella, ward of the mad Miss Havisham jilted on her wedding day and bearing the male species an eternal grudge, being revealed to the good fortune of Pip who is able to win her from a rival who deserts her when he discovers she is low-born.

The atmosphere, treatment and acting are magnificent, with, however, two glaring flaws; which somewhat mar the realism: Anthony Wager as the young Pip and John Mills as Pip grown-up, speak far too well for a blacksmith's apprentice even prior to his turning into a "gentleman"! Francis L. Sullivan contributes a rare cameo as the pompous lawyer Jaggers, while Alec Auiness as Pocket, Martita Hunt as Miss Havisham and Finlay Currie as the convict, are distinctly good. Valerie Hobson as Estella, is the only disappointment in the splendid cast.

Heartily recommended as an artistic and technical achievement.

John Mills and Valerie Hobson in "Great Expectations" (Regal).

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Excelsior

THE CHASE

Players: Michele Morgan, Robert Cummings, Steve Cochran, Peter Lorre.

Director: Arthur Ripley.

Deft treatment converts this slight story, a large part of which is concerned with the fanciful dream of a neurotic young war veteran, into a film of absorbing interest with suspense at every turn.

Chuck Scott a down-and-out, returns a money wallet he has chanced to find, to its owner, one Roman, a sinister crook, who, with his confederate Gino, seems to be deep in shady business the nature of which the film never quite reveals. Roman has an attractive wife who wishes to escape from her husband's clutches to Havana. Chuck promises to help her, but suddenly falls into a coma from which he wakes up, after an exciting nightmare, the victim of amnesia. However, he recovers his memory in time to help his employer's wife.

The story's weakness is in the tame finale when Roman and his henchmen are disposed of in a car accident while giving chase to the fleeing pair.

The picture depends for its thrills on the able direction. Michele Morgan, the French actress, is charming as the wife who knows too much, and Steve Cochran outstanding as the suave sadistic husband. Robert Cummings gives an acceptable performance in the role of Chuck. But it is the director who must be handed the chief honours.

Plenty of excitement for thrill-seekers.

Esther Williams, Van Johnson and Lucille Ball in "Easy To Wed" (Metro).

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Metro

EASY TO WED (M.G.M.)

Players: Esther Williams, Lucille Ball, Van Johnson, Keenan Wynn.

Director: Edward Buzzell.

There is many a laugh in this comedy which has more of a plot than most such films. It is, however, a little too long-drawn out for the flimsy stuff of which it is made. Certain scenes, such as one showing Van Johnson in the sad predicament of having to make good his boast of being an expert wild-duck hunter, when in reality he is only a tyro, are far too prolonged.

Described as a husband-snatcher by newshawk Haggerty, Connie, the spoilt daughter of a millionaire, starts libel proceedings. To outwit her, Haggerty employs Bill Chandler to go through a marriage of convenience with his own girl Gladys, and then to make Connie fall in love with him so that she can be proved to be a husband-snatcher. The plan, as you have probably guessed, misfires when the two fall in love and Chandler is forced into the position of a bigamist. Of course all ends well as is to be expected in such comedies.

Lucille Ball commits lens larceny with her part of Gladys—quite a feat, as Keenan Wynn in the role of Haggerty, Johnson as Chandler, and Esther Williams in the part of Connie, are pretty hard to beat.

Gay, frivolous and frothy.

Cary Grant and Alexis Smith in "Night And Day" (Strand).

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Seeing The Shows

With

"SARDI"

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Santell, who gave us heavy drama such as "Winterset" and "The Hairy Ape", has also directed this picture. Here is proof positive that the cobbler should stick to his last.

Lively enough for low-brows.

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Strand: 3rd Week

NIGHT AND DAY (Warners)

Players: Cary Grant, Monty Woolley, Alexis Smith, Mary Martin.

Director: Michael Curtiz.

The weakness of this musical lies in its inordinate length; its saving grace in Monty Woolley's brand of facetiousness which makes the film sparkle in patches.

Purporting to be the biography of Cole Porter, one of Broadway's best known contemporary composers, the film traces his career from his college days, through the years of his Great War service, his lean days as a song plugger, right up to his hard-earned fame which causes a rift between him and his wife who begins to feel neglected and leaves him to return only when an accident cripples him.

Technicolour enhances the pictorial value of this lavish presentation which contains such popular Porter tunes as "My Heart Belongs To Dady" and the haunting "Begin the Beguine."

Woolley is the presiding spirit of fun of the entire show. Cary Grant and Alexis Smith are adequate as the Porters.

Bright and dull in patches; nevertheless, pleasant light entertainment.

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Eros

I'LL BE YOURS

(Universal International)

Players: Deanna Durbin, Tom Drake, William Bendix, Adolphe Menjou.

Back again comes Deanna Durbin to delight singing fans. As leading man, she has Tom Drake of "The Green Years." He enacts the role of a young lawyer as poor as a churchmouse. To help him, the young songstress works all her wiles on a charming old rogue in the shape of Menjou. As usual in a film of this nature, everything works out to a happy finish.

Deanna has a number of songs to prop up her non-existing histrionic talents. Tom Drake is far too good an actor, even though a neophyte, to be wasted as leading man to the warbler.

Pleasing light fare.

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New Empire

MEXICANA (Republic)

Players: Tito Guizar, Constance Moore, Leo Carrillio, Jean Stevens.

Director: Alfred Santell.

A starring vehicle for the Latin singer Tito Guizar and Constance Moore, this musical is mildly entertaining.

To protect himself from his crazy women fans, the singer employs a musical comedy star to act as his wife. The arrangement leads to complications with an old flame, and though, by now, in love with her "business husband", the acting wife leaves him only to return when she realises how much fonder her absence has made his heart.

Tito Guizar croons some pleasant melodies in his typical fashion, while Constance Moore warbles a few songs.

It is difficult to believe that Alfred

Michele Morgan and Robert Cummings in "The Chase" (Excelsior).

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BRITAIN SHORT OF DOLLARS SUPPLY?

LONDON, March 19 (Reuter):—There is no confirmation in London of press reports from Washington that Britain has officially informed the United States Government that her supply of dollars is running out and thus that there is the possibility of severe restrictions on imports of United States tobacco and films, cables Sydney Campbell, Reuter's Financial Editor.

British official policy does not seek to envisage any restrictions on tobacco and film imports for this year at any rate, although it is conceivable that any additional taxation imposed by the Budget particularly on tobacco might tend to restrict imports by deterring consumption, it is, however, considered highly unlikely that the Chancellor would have disclosed his Budget to Washington in advance.

All-Kerala Convention To Meet On April 11

TRICHUR, March 20 (API): More than 1,000 delegates from all over Kerala are expected to participate in the All-Kerala Convention to be held here on April 11 and 12. The Kerala Unification Central Committee has requested the Governments of Cochin, Travancore and Madras to declare April 11 and 12 as public holidays.

A Kerala arts exhibition will also be held simultaneously.

Floating Dock Leaves Bombay Harbour

BOMBAY, March 20, (API): The 50,000-ton floating dock, built in Bombay for the British Admiralty, moved out of Bombay harbour in tow today for destination in the Mediterranean where it is expected to reach in about 45 days.

Built in two sections, the dock will be joined up the destination. The dock is capable of lifting the largest warship afloat and houses within its hull all the machinery and equipment necessary to work it. Known as A.F.D. 35 it has cost the British Admiralty over Rs. 2 crores.

A number of steamships bound for the Mediterranean have almost been racing for the last three days from Bombay to cross the Suez as, according to information available in Bombay, the Canal will have to be closed for shipping for nearly a week till the floating dock had passed through. It is understood that the dock is sailing under naval escort.

Bank Applies For Moratorium

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Tendolkar)

The Associated Banking Corporation Ltd. ..... Petitioners.

The petitioner bank which had suspended payment on 19th March, 1947, applied to the High Court on Thursday afternoon for an order under Section 277 N of the Companies Act staying the commencement or continuation of all actions and proceedings against them for a period of two months. The Bank which has its registered office at Laxmi Building, Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Road, was incorporated in February 1942. It is a Scheduled Bank and has 11 branches and two sub-offices.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga who made the application on behalf of the Bank pointed out that as on 14th March, 1947, the assets of the Bank exceeded its liabilities by Rs. 29,23,108. There had been heavy withdrawals since the last 21 days and the Bank had paid till 18th March, 1947 to the extent of Rs. 1,17,000 from its liquid resources. As the withdrawals continued, though the Bank's assets were in excess of its liabilities, there being no immediate cash in hand available it was unable to meet the demands and therefore had to suspend payment on 19th March, 1947. Sir Jamshedji stated that the Bank wanted to avoid liquidation and if it got some time it would be able to meet the demands made on it. He therefore applied for stay of proceedings against the Bank.

His Lordship stated that the affidavits before him did not furnish any materials as to what part of the Bank's assets were secured and what part unsecured and as to how much of its assets were bad or doubtful. His Lordship therefore made no order on the application but stated that the application may be renewed by the Bank after filing further affidavits disclosing proper materials. His Lordship also intimated that a petition for liquidation of the Bank had already been filed by somebody but that it would not be heard on Thursday. His Lordship further directed that the Bank should in the meantime obtain the report of the Registrar of Companies with regard to its financial condition. If the Registrar wanted some time for making his investigation and report, his Lordship stated that he might on a proper affidavit being made, grant an interim stay of proceedings.

REFERENCE TO MR. JUSTICE LOKUR

The Government Pleader Mr. S. G. Patwardhan on behalf of the Appellate Side Bar of the High Court presented a farewell address to Mr. Justice Lokur who sat for the last time on the Bench of the Bombay High Court on Thursday. He referred to Mr. Justice Lokur's kindness and courtesy to the Bar and stated that he took great pains to find out the truth. Having a flair for languages and being the only judge who could with confidence read all the three regional languages, Mr. Justice Lokur searched the Original record whenever any question which necessitated it arose. If any argument was required for relaxing the retiring age for judges which at present was 60, it was furnished by the instance of Mr. Justice Lokur. His retirement from the Bombay High Court was an acquisition for Kolhapur.

Replying to the Government Pleader, Mr. Justice Lokur said that he was conscious of his own imperfections and many of the kind words which had just been said about him were due to that indulgence which kind and generous hearts showed to others. Long experience as a practitioner had taught him sympathy for the difficulties of members of the Bar. On the other hand it was not possible for judges to do their work unaided and when he came to the High Court he realized the assistance which superior Bar could give.

His Lordship stated that he would be failing in his duty if on this occasion he did not express his gratitude to Sir Norman McLeod who had selected him as an Assistant Judge and to Sir John Beaumont but for whose keen interest in him he would have retired as a District Judge.

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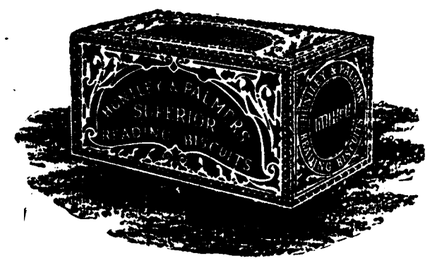

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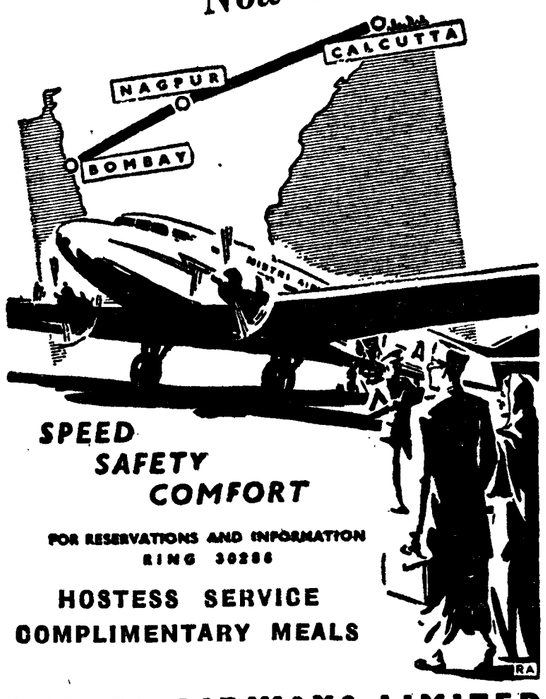

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PERSISTENT SHORT COVERING PUSHES UP STEEL SHARES

Option Dealers Support Cotton Market

CASTORSEEDS RISE TO CEILING LEVEL

Bullion Market Firm On Short Covering

BOMBAY, March 20.

The Bombay Stock Exchange ruled steady to-day and yesterday's improvement was carried further under short covering.

The Finance Bill as it has emerged from the Select Committee is now referred back to the cabinet in view of dissent minutes by Congress members of the Select Committee.

As per the decision of the Governing Body of the Bombay Stock Exchange, outstanding contracts in ten scrips are to be evened by the time of the next settlement and naturally shorts are covering their unprotected sales and the market is correcting oversold conditions. However the act of covering is bound to weaken the technical state of the market. Under such a state even if prices improve further, it is not advisable to follow the rise as free trading may be restored in due time.

All speculative counters moved up with Steel shares leading the upward tendency but Bombay Dyeing which spurted sharply yesterday, failed to make any important progress.

Tata Steel Dfd shares opened at Rs. 2305 and improved at Rs. 2350. The market halted here and Dfds. reacted at Rs. 2345 but again improved at Rs. 2355, Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 426 and hardened at Rs. 432, Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 2290 and after improving at Rs. 2315 steadied at Rs. 2310, Kohinoors opened at Rs. 733 and after declining at Rs. 727 advanced at Rs. 755 but reacted at Rs. 735, Simplex shares opened at Rs. 325 and after improving at Rs. 332 steadied at Rs. 330, Swadeshi shares opened at Rs. 635 and advanced at Rs. 657 but reacted at Rs. 646, Scindia shares were steady at Rs. 34/8 while Central Bank shares were done at Rs. 129/8.

As a result of day's working Tata Steel Dfds. gained Rs. 72/8, Ordinary Rs. 6, Bombay Dyeings Rs. 20, Kohinoor Rs. 18, Swadeshi Rs. 26, Simplex Rs. 7, Nagpur Rs. 12, Gokak Rs. 11 and Indore Rs. 7/8. The market will remain closed on Friday being "Jamshedi Naoroz".

MILLS SHARES.

Bombay Dyeing 2320 Kohinoor 750 Swadesh 648 Nagpur 325 Simplex 332 New Great 387 Gokak 325 Indore 640 Century 950 Colaba 252/8 Indian Bleaching 170 Swan 390 Finlay 325 Morarji 770 Edward 635 Meyer 272/8 Apollo 4/10 I. P. Ordinary 17 I. U. Defd. 3/10 Madhusudan 455 Podar 345 Khatav 320.

STEEL SHARES.

Tata Steel Ord. 434 Tata Steel Dfd. 2360 Second Pref. 161.

CEMENT.

Associated Merger 189/8.

INDUSTRIES.

Burma 495 Bellapur 259 Shivrajpur 44 Scindia 34/14 P. Construction 219 Tata Chemical 16/12 Tata Oil 89/8 Indian Iron 39/8 Bengal Steel 30/4.

ELECTRIC SHARES.

Tram Ordinary 112/8 Tata Hydro 181 Andhra 1570 Tata Power 1665.

MILLS (CASH).

Elphinstone 90 Phoenix 1325 India Manufacturing 4300 Koorla 300 Dawn 1600 David 180 New City 260 Minerva 300 Bradbury 630 Bharucha (Defd.) 8 Bharat 55 Mysore 330 Madhavji 17 Model 215/10 Laxmi 1870 Vishnu 655 Western 4300 Standard 562/8 Sholapur 7400 Sassoon Cotton 24/8 Hindustan 4300 Tata 111 Ahmedabad Advance 530 Sassoon Silk 101 New Union 26/14 Madhusudan B. 107 Shrinivas 437/8 Raja Bahadur 116/4 Berar 375 Victoria 425.

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH).

Ahmedabad 160 (New) 129 Surat (Ord.) 243/12 New Pre. 211/4 Karachi 240 Broach 13 Ajmer 15/2 Amalgamated 20/4 Jalgaon 14/12 Nagpur 58 Poona 260 Bombay Suburban 202/8 Bombay Suburban (New) 164/10.

BANK SHARES.

Reserve 122/8 Imperial 2350 P. P. 582/8 Central 130/8 India, X. D. 241 Union 12/12 Baroda 171 Habib 196 Dena Bank 70/8 United Commercial 91 Jaipur 74 Bikaner 31 Hindustan Corpn. 52 National Savings (fully paid) 82 Mysore 505 Exchange (Ord.) 65 Eastern 106 Bombay Provincial 85.

INSURANCE.

Oriental 6300 Empire 975 New India 94 Jupiter 38/8 Vulcan 16/12 Indian Mercantile 33/8 Universal Fire 20/8 Vasant 28/4 British India General 26/8 Industrial Prudential 61/12 Neptune 13/6 New Great 43 All-India General 40/4.

RAILWAYS.

C. P. 107 Mymensing 113 Guaranteed 113 Sara Sirajganj 116 Pachora 101 Mandra Bhon 116.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 560 Steamer 580 Burma New 180 Burma Petrol 3/10/6 Mackenzie 185 Fort Canning 90 Kemp 575 Zandu Pharmacy 202/8 Indian Radio (Ord.) 377 Indian Radio B. 375 Indian Radio 362/8 Indian Investment Trust 121/8 Wimco X. R. 265 Dharamsey Chemical 30 Mukund Iron 14/12 Dena Trust 25 Alembic 355 Supreme India 228 Jamwire 141/8 Bombay Uganda 85 Bombay Motor Cycle 43/8 India Cement 42 Walchand Nagar Industries 390 United Motor 70 A. C. C. New 74.

PREFERENCE SHARES.

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 235 Tram 52/8 Andhra Valley 1370 Tata Power 1422/8 Hydro 142/8 Bombay Steamer 348/12 Nagpur 720 Swadeshi 150 Vishnu 805 Laxmi 306/4 New Great 268/12 Poddar 116 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 130/10 Brabury 553/12 Surat Elec. 211/4 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 153/12 (2nd Pref.) 122/8 Amalgamated 156/4 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 122/8 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 19/12 Supreme 107.

OUTSIDE SHARES.

Indian Copper 3/9/6 B. I. C. 10/6 Burma Corporation 4/9 New Victoria 6/12 New Victoria Preference 7/12 Raja 40 Phalton 140 Gold Mohar 405 New Kaiser Hind 470 Sajjan 375 Osmanshahi 322/8 Ajam Shahi 295 Air Services 19 Birla Motors 8/6 Marshall 8/8 Air India Premium 175.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.
BOMBAY, March 20.

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4 p c 1955/60	117 0
4 p c M. Debent.	115 0
6 p c M. Debenture	123 0

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES
BOMBAY, March 20.

MILLS

Apollo 4/7 4/10/6 4/10
Bharat 56/8 56/12 56/8
B. Dyeing 2290 2315 2295 2315 10 20
Bradbury 630
C. India 315 24 22 26 25
Century 950
Colaba 250/8 52/8
E. Textiles 630 35
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New Great 372 91 89/8 94 87
Podar 345
Simplex 325 30 27 30 25 32 27 32
Swadeshi 633 57 46 48
Swan 387 92 90
Tata Mills 112 10 11
Vishnu 655
New Union 26/14
U. P. Railway 106

BANKS

Baroda 171 68/8 71
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Union 12/12
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B. B. Petrol 3/10 3/10/6
I. Bleaching 170
P. Construction 210 17 16 19
Tata Chemical 16/14 17 16/12 16/14 16/12
Tata Oil 85 89 88 90 89 90 89/8
Wimco 262/8 63/12 62/8 65 63/12 65

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, March 20.

The Bullion Market was quietly steady with a restricted buying. The improvement registered yesterday hardened Vaishakh Silver to the maximum level and naturally there was very little business in this contract which stood at Rs. 155/14 to Rs. 156. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 164/8. Vaishakh Gold opened at Rs. 99/12 and improved at Rs. 100/2 under scattered buying but later declined at Rs. 99/4 and steadied at Rs. 99/7. Ready Gold was placed at Rs. 103.

Towards the close Vaishak Gold hardened at Rs. 101/4 and final quotations were as under:—

Ready Silver	164	12	0
Vaishak Delivery	156	0	0
Ready Gold	104	0	0
Vaishak Delivery	101	4	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, March 20.

To-day being settlement of monthly teji mandi transactions, the cotton market was quietly steady with a narrow price movement. This month sellers of options are caught long as the market suddenly declined in half an hour.

At the opening May delivery was quoted at Rs. 434/8 and improved at Rs. 435/4 under scattered buying. At this level there was some liquidation and May delivery reacted at Rs. 434/8. The market was steady at this level with very little business. The market will remain closed tomorrow.

Later on the market was steady with May delivery quoted at Rs. 435/4, July Rs. 448 and September Rs. 457/8.

Later on there was increased buying by option dealers and May advanced at Rs. 437/4. Monthly teji mandi was declared at Rs. 436/10. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under.

I. C. C. March	Unquoted
I. C. C. May	436 10 0
I. C. C. July	449 14 0
I. C. C. Sept.	459 12 0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, March 20.

The local produce market was firm with increased buying of a general character.

Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 129/14 and improved at Rs. 130/8 and steadied at Rs. 130/7. The maximum price fixed for May contract is Rs. 131 and those who fail to tender will have to pay a penalty of Rs. 5 per candy. Thus with very small stocks speculators are inclined to buy with a view to earn penalty money.

Linseed was also firm with ready quoted at Rs. 29/4 while April May delivery business was done at Rs. 28.

Groundnuts also gained strength. Khandesh quality was quoted at Rs. 32. Coromandal Rs. 31 and Bold Rs. 30.

Groundnut oil Bombay Mills was placed at Rs. 19/4 and April delivery at Rs. 18/12, linseed oil was quoted at Rs. 22 and castorseeds oil at Rs. 19/12. Towards the close Castorseeds May were firm at Rs. 130/12.

New York Cotton Quiet Under Liquidation

NATURAL LULL IN TEXTILE MARKET

NEW YORK, March 19, (UPA): Quiet trading featured today's session of the New York Cotton Exchange. Prices turned reactionary after the opening of the market with the weakness in grains.

Today's session opened four higher to three lower and prices trended off until losses of 20 to 28 points were registered in the late afternoon. However, in the late afternoon, the market rallied haltingly following covering movement plus trade buying, ending the session with a net seven to eleven lower. Business still was mainly of speculative origin and the market is believed to be entering the normal between the crop lull with traders holding off until the extent of the price resistance to textiles is determined and outside political and economic uncertainties are clarified.

TEXTILE MARKET

While some observers insist that the resistance talk is exaggerated and the present lull in the textile market is a natural development after the recent extended activity, an overtone of caution persisted. Hesitancy increased with the Commerce Department prediction of a gradual decline in the commodity price level in the next few months with the greatest pressure being brought to bear on commodities which soared most since the death of OPA controls. The Department suggested that the down-swing of prices will get under way soonest in such items as food, cotton textiles, leather goods and drugs.

EXCESSIVE MOISTURE

The steadiness of stocks and the unconditional withdrawal by labour leaders of the strike threat in the soft coal industry on April 1st did not influence the market. More traders are looking to new crop developments as the next guiding influence on prices. The situation in that direction is still unindicative of any definite trend. Some complaints have been received that excessive moisture in the Gulf States and coolness elsewhere are hampering new crop work, but traders consider that it is still too early for these to affect the situation in the matter of price and feel that any lost time can be made up without harm. However, early reports indicate that plantings in the lower Rio Grande Valley area may be sixty per cent ahead of those of last year. But it is still argued that the overall plantings for the next crop will be determined by the price situation next month and the availability of fertilizer, farm labour and machinery.

The concensus of opinion still favours an average increase of around 15 per cent compared with the Government goal of an increase of 27 per cent over last year.

SPOT DEMAND SLOW

The quietness in futures mirrored a slow-down in spot demand and it was reported that some producers had requested shippers to postpone the delivery of raw cotton because of the congested condition in warehouses. Foreign demand for American growths also showed a decided let-down. Talk is still current that the export sales of 200,000 bales to China and registrations to Italy may be cancelled because of the lack of dollar exchange. Meanwhile, shippers emphasized that there are considerable discounts in foreign growths prices in relation to American. Foreign growths, it is said, did not follow the domestic prices when the export subsidy was cut. It was pointed out that Brazilians advanced but not as much as 200 points on the subsidy reduction. Shippers said that Argentine and Paraguay cotton did not advance at all that Indian and Egyptians actually showed a decline.

Traders expressed the opinion that the market is still in the trading range, pending clarification of outside uncertainties and new crop developments, but eventually higher prices are expected before the next harvest because of the fundamentally strong statistical position. It is felt that May contracts, which are still discounted in relation to the spot market average, will surpass the high of nearly 36 cents achieved for the recently expired March delivery.

WORTH STREET TRADING QUIET

NEW YORK, March 19, (UPA): Routine trading featured to-day's session of the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market. Conjecture arose whether the lull in trading in the past week had been due to price resistance possibility as buyer requirements had been filled following the heavy buying movement in recent months.

NEW YORK COTTON
NEW YORK, March 19.

May	34.53—09
May Highest	34.66+04
May Lowest	34.37—25
July	32.59—07
October	29.49—11
December	28.60—10
January	28.45—10
March	28.13—07
Middling spot	35.85—14

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
NEW YORK, March 19.

May	34.45—19
July	32.49—16
October	29.45—17
December bid	28.53—17
March bid	28.03—17
Middling spot	34.95—15

NEW YORK SILVER
NEW YORK, March 19.

U. S. price of foreign silver 70-7/8 cents

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LIABILITIES

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on 14th March:—

Capital	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6 17,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank Current and other Accounts	262 42,99,000
Sundries	94,55,000
Total Rs.	27517,54,000

ASSETS

INVESTMENTS:— Government Securities 138,97	43,000
Other Authorised Investments	8,61,63,000
ADVANCES:— Loans	40,15,23,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	43,41,24,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	6,46,41,000
Dead Stock	1,58,24,000
Sundries	1,14,40,000
Bullion	
CASH:— In hand and with Reserve Bank of India	32,11,55,000
Balances with other Bank	2,71,42,000
Total Rs.	275,17,54,000

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LONDON, March 19.

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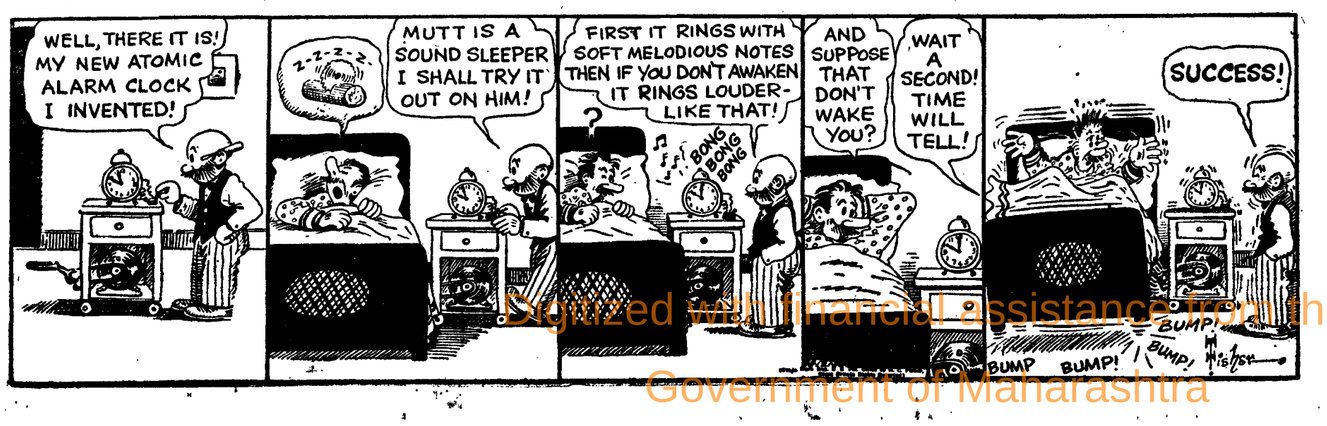
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION
Petition No. 589 of 1946

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Probate of the last Will and Testament of SHANKAR KRISHNA SHAHADE alias SHANKER KRISHNA SHAHADE, late of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, formerly carrying on business as Cloth Merchant in partnership with Gopal Ganesh Athavle under the name and style of Messrs Athavle Shahade and Co. at Girgaum, a Land-Lord, residing at date of death at Krishna Nivas Sir Bhaichandra Road Vincent Square Dadar outside the Fort of Bombay married.
..... Deceased.

(1.) WASUDEO KRISHNA SHAHADE also of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant carrying on business as Cloth Merchant in the name of Messrs Shahade and Co. residing at Sir Bhaichandra Road Dadar outside the Fort of Bombay.
(2.) YESHWANT KRISHNA SHAHADE also of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant carrying on business as Cloth Merchant in partnership under the name and style of Messrs. Shahade Athavle & Co., Dadar residing at Sir Bhaichandra Road Dadar outside the Fort of Bombay.
..... Petitioners.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Probate.

Witness Sir LEONARD STONE, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and Forty Seven and in the eleventh year of our Reign.

(Sd.) S. J. RAHIMTOOLLA,
Prothonotary and Senior Master

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd.) A. R. NARAYAN AYYER,
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The 10th day of February, 1947.

Messrs. SUNKERSETT & VAIDYA,
Petitioners' Attorneys
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.
Suit No. 1440 of 1945.

(1.) WAMAN RAMSHANKER MASTER, and (2.) ITCHASHANKER WAMANRAO VYAS. ..... Plaintiffs.

vs.

(1.) KIRTILAL JIVABHAI, (2.) MOHANLAL KALIDAS SHAH (3.) CHIMANLAL CHAKUBHAI SHAH, (4.) BAI TARA, wife of Jiwanchand Keshavlal. ..... Defendants.

To,
Kirtilal Jivabhai.

The 1st defendant abovenamed.

THE PLAINTIFFS have filed this suit for a Declaration that the sum of Rs. 30,262-8-0 with compound interest thereon and all costs, charges and expenses of the plaintiffs as Mortgagees and the costs of the suit and further interest till payment are due and payable by the 1st defendant to them under a Mortgage dated 28th April, 1944, and for realisation of the said amount by enforcing the securities comprised in the said mortgage and for appointment of Interim Receiver with all powers under Order 40 Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code and with powers to repair the property situate at Frere Road, Bombay, comprised in the said Mortgage and to borrow moneys not exceeding Rs. 20,000/- for the purpose and for liberty to them in case of deficiency to apply for a personal decree and that the final hearing of the above suit has been fixed on the 8th day of April 1947 at 11 o'clock (S.T.) when you are summoned to appear in this court, in person or by an Advocate (O.S.) duly instructed by an Attorney of this Court and that in default of your appearance on the day hereinbefore mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence and an Ex parte Decree will be passed against you.

Dated this 26th day of October, 1945.

RAGHAVAYYA NAGINDAS & CO.,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.
(2614)

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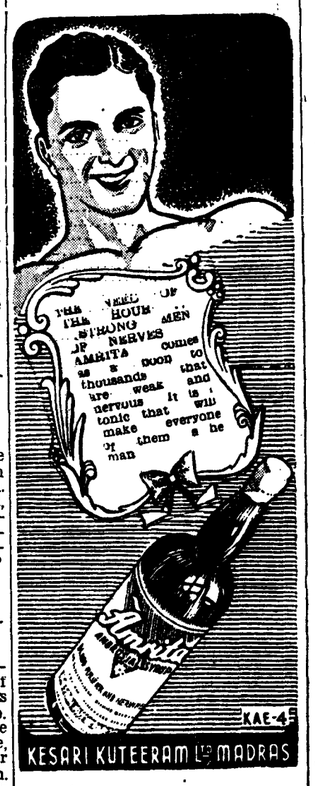
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